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(54) Title: MORPHOGEN-INDUCED MODULATION OF INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE

(57) Abstract

The present invention is directed to methods and compositions for alleviating tissue destructive effects associated with the inflammatory response to tissue injury in a mammal. The methods and compositions include administering a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent sufficient to alleviate immune cell-mediated tissue destruction.

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MORPHOGEN-INDUCED MODULATION OF
INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE

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Field of the Invention

10 The present invention relates generally to a method for modulating the inflammatory response induced in a mammal following tissue injury. More particularly, this invention relates to a method for alleviating immune-cell mediated tissue destruction associated with
15 the inflammatory response.

Background of the Invention

20 The body's inflammatory response to tissue injury can cause significant tissue destruction, leading to loss of tissue function. Damage to cells resulting from the effects of inflammatory response e.g., by immune-cell mediated tissue destruction, has been implicated as the cause of reduced tissue function or
25 loss of tissue function in diseases of the joints (e.g., rheumatoid and osteo-arthritis) and of many organs, including the kidney, pancreas, skin, lung and heart. For example, glomular nephritis, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, vascular diseases such as
30 atheroclerosis and vasculitis, and skin diseases such as psoriasis and dermatitis are believed to result in large part from unwanted acute inflammatory reaction and fibrosis. A number of these diseases, including arthritis, psoriasis and inflammatory bowel disease are
35 considered to be chronic inflammatory diseases. The

damaged tissue also often is replaced by fibrotic tissue, e.g., scar tissue, which further reduces tissue function. Graft and transplanted organ rejection also is believed to be primarily due to the action of the 5 body's immune/inflammatory response system.

The immune-cell mediated tissue destruction often follows an initial tissue injury or insult. The secondary damage, resulting from the inflammatory 10 response, often is the source of significant tissue damage. Among the factors thought to mediate these damaging effects are those associated with modulating the body's inflammatory response following tissue injury, e.g., cytokines such as interleukin-1 (IL-1) 15 and tumor necrosis factor (TNF), and oxygen-derived free radicals such as superoxide anions. These humoral agents are produced by adhering neutrophilic leukocytes or by endothelial cells and have been identified at ischemic sites upon reperfusion. Moreover, TNF 20 concentrations are increased in humans after myocardial infarction.

A variety of lung diseases are characterized by airway inflammation, including chronic bronchitis, 25 emphysema, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and asthma. Another type of lung-related inflammation disorders are inflammatory diseases characterized by a generalized, wide-spread acute inflammatory response such as adult respiratory distress syndrome. Another dysfunction 30 associated with the inflammatory response is that mounted in response to injury caused by hyperoxia, e.g., prolonged exposure to lethally high concentrations of O₂ (95-100% O₂). Similarly, reduced

blood flow to a tissue (and, therefore reduced or lack of oxygen to tissues), as described below, also can induce a primary tissue injury that stimulates the inflammatory response.

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It is well known that damage occurs to cells in mammals which have been deprived of oxygen. In fact, the interruption of blood flow, whether partial (hypoxia) or complete (ischemia) and the ensuing inflammatory responses may be the most important cause of coagulative necrosis or cell death in human disease. The complications of atherosclerosis, for example, are generally the result of ischemic cell injury in the brain, heart, small intestines, kidneys, and lower extremities. Highly differentiated cells, such as the proximal tubular cells of the kidney, cardiac myocytes, and the neurons of the central nervous system, all depend on aerobic respiration to produce ATP, the energy necessary to carry out their specialized functions. When ischemia limits the oxygen supply and ATP is depleted, the affected cells may become irreversibly injured. The ensuing inflammatory responses to this initial injury provide additional insult to the affected tissue. Examples of such hypoxia or ischemia are the partial or total loss of blood supply to the body as a whole, an organ within the body, or a region within an organ, such as occurs in cardiac arrest, pulmonary embolus, renal artery occlusion, coronary occlusion or occlusive stroke.

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The tissue damage associated with ischemia-reperfusion injury is believed to comprise both the initial cell damage induced by the deprivation of oxygen to the cell and its subsequent recirculation, as well as the damage caused by the body's response to

this initial damage. It is thought that reperfusion injury may result in dysfunction to the endothelium of the vasculature as well as injury to the surrounding tissue. In idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, for example, 5 scar tissue accumulates on the lung tissue lining, inhibiting the tissue's elasticity. The tissue damage associated with hyperoxia injury is believed to follow a similar mechanism, where the initial damage is mediated primarily through the presence of toxic oxygen 10 metabolites followed by an inflammatory response to this initial injury.

Similarly, tissues and organs for transplantation also are subject to the tissue destructive effects 15 associated with the recipient host body's inflammatory response following transplantation. It is currently believed that the initial destructive response is due in large part to reperfusion injury to the transplanted organ after it has been transplanted to the organ 20 recipient.

Accordingly, the success of organ or tissue transplantation depends greatly on the preservation of the tissue activity (e.g., tissue or organ viability) 25 at the harvest of the organ, during storage of the harvested organ, and at transplantation. To date, preservation of organs such as lungs, pancreas, heart and liver remains a significant stumbling block to the successful transplantation of these organs. U.S. 30 Patent No. 4,952,409 describes a superoxide dismutase-containing liposome to inhibit reperfusion injury. U.S. Patent No. 5,002,965 describes the use of ginkolides, known platelet activating factor antagonists, to inhibit reperfusion injury. Both of 35 these factors are described working primarily by

inhibiting the release of and/or inhibiting the damaging effects of free oxygen radicals. A number of patents also have issued on the use of immunosuppressants for inhibiting graft rejection. A representative listing includes U.S. Patent Nos. 5,104,858, 5,008,246 and 5,068,323. A significant problem with many immunosuppressants is their low therapeutic index, requiring the administration of high doses that can have significant toxic side effects.

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Rheumatoid and osteoarthritis are prevalent diseases characterized by chronic inflammation of the synovial membrane lining the afflicted joint. A major consequence of chronic inflammatory joint disease (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis) and degenerative arthritis (e.g., osteoarthritis) is loss of function of those affected joints. This loss of function is due primarily to destruction of the major structural components of the joint, cartilage and bone, and subsequent loss of the proper joint anatomy. As a consequence of chronic disease, joint destruction ensues and can lead to irreversible and permanent damage to the joint and loss of function. Current treatment methods for severe cases of rheumatoid arthritis typically include the removal of the synovial membrane, e.g., synovectomy. Surgical synovectomy has many limitations, including the risk of the surgical procedure itself, and the fact that a surgeon often cannot remove all of the diseased membrane. The diseased tissue remaining typically regenerates, causing the same symptoms which the surgery was meant to alleviate.

Psoriasis is a chronic, recurrent, scaling skin disease of unknown etiology characterized by chronic inflammation of the skin. Erythematous eruptions, often in papules or plaques, and usually having a white silvery scale, can affect any part of the skin, but most commonly affect the scalp, elbows, knees and lower back. The disease usually occurs in adults, but children may also be affected. Patients with psoriasis have a much greater incidence of arthritis (psoriatic arthritis), and generalized exfoliation and even death can threaten afflicted individuals.

Current therapeutic regimens include topical or intralesional application of corticosteroids, topical administration of keratolytics, and use of tar and UV light on affected areas. No single therapy is ideal, and it is rare for a patient not to be treated with several alternatives during the relapsing and remitting course of the disease. Whereas systematic treatment can induce prompt resolution of psoriatic lesions, suppression often requires ever-increasing doses, sometimes with toxic side effect, and tapering of therapy may result in rebound phenomena with extensions of lesions, possibly to exfoliation.

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) describes a class of clinical disorders of the gastrointestinal mucosa characterized by chronic inflammation and severe ulceration of the mucosa. The two major diseases in this classification are ulcerative colitis and regional enteritis (Crohn's Disease). Like oral mucositis, the diseases classified as IBD are associated with severe mucosal ulceration (frequently penetrating the wall of the bowel and forming strictures and fistulas), severe mucosal and submucosal inflammation and edema, and

- fibrosis (e.g., scar tissue formation which interferes with the acid protective function of the gastrointestinal lining.) Other forms of IBD include regional ileitis and proctitis. Clinically, patients
- 5 with fulminant IBD can be severely ill with massive diarrhea, blood loss, dehydration, weight loss and fever. The prognosis of the disease is not good and frequently requires resection of the diseased tissue.
- 10 Therefore, an object of the present invention is to provide a method for protecting mammalian tissue, particularly human tissue, from the damage associated with the inflammatory response following a tissue injury. The inflammatory reaction may be in response
- 15 to an initial tissue injury or insult. The original injury may be chemically, mechanically, biologically or immunologically related. Another object is to provide methods and compositions for protecting tissue from the tissue destructive effects associated with chronic
- 20 inflammatory diseases, including arthritis (e.g., rheumatoid or osteoarthritis), psoriatic arthritis, psoriasis and dermatitis, inflammatory bowel disease and other autoimmune diseases. Yet another object is to provide methods and compositions for enhancing the
- 25 viability of mammalian tissues and organs to be transplanted, including protecting the transplanted organs from immune cell-mediated tissue destruction, such as the tissue damage associated with ischemia-reperfusion injury. This tissue damage may occur
- 30 during donor tissue or organ harvesting and transport, as well as following initiation of blood flow after transplantation of the organ or tissue in the recipient host.

Another object of the invention is to provide a method for alleviating tissue damage associated with ischemic-reperfusion injury in a mammal following a deprivation of oxygen to a tissue in the mammal. Other 5 objects of the present invention include providing a method for alleviating tissue damage associated with ischemic-reperfusion injury in a human which has suffered from hypoxia or ischemia following cardiac arrest, pulmonary embolus, renal artery occlusion, 10 coronary occlusion or occlusive stroke. A further object is to provide a method for alleviating tissue damage associated with hyperoxia-induced tissue injury, e.g., lethally high oxygen concentrations.

15 Still another object of the invention is to provide a method for modulating inflammatory responses in general, particularly those induced in a human following tissue injury.

20 These and other objects and features of the invention will be apparent from the description, drawings and claims which follow.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides a method for alleviating the tissue destructive effects associated
5 with activation of the inflammatory response following tissue injury. The method comprises the step of providing to the affected tissue a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogenic protein ("morphogen", as defined herein) upon tissue injury or
10 in anticipation of tissue injury, sufficient to substantially inhibit or reduce the tissue destructive effects of the inflammatory response.

In one aspect, the invention features compositions
15 and therapeutic treatment methods that comprise the step of administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a morphogenic protein ("morphogen"), as defined herein, upon injury to a tissue, or in anticipation of such injury, for a time
20 and at a concentration sufficient to inhibit the tissue destructive effects associated with the body's inflammatory response, including repairing damaged tissue, and/or inhibiting additional damage thereto.

25 In another aspect, the invention features compositions and therapeutic treatment methods for protecting tissues and organs from the tissue destructive effects of the inflammatory response which include administering to the mammal, upon injury to a
30 tissue or in anticipation of such injury, a compound that stimulates in vivo a therapeutically effective concentration of an endogenous morphogen within the body of the mammal sufficient to protect the tissue from the tissue destructive effects associated with the
35 inflammatory response, including repairing damaged

tissue and/or inhibiting additional damage thereto. These compounds are referred to herein as morphogen-stimulating agents, and are understood to include substances which, when administered to a mammal, act on 5 cells of tissue(s) or organ(s) that normally are responsible for, or capable of, producing a morphogen and/or secreting a morphogen, and which cause the endogenous level of the morphogen to be altered. The agent may act, for example, by stimulating expression 10 and/or secretion of an endogenous morphogen.

As embodied herein, the term "ischemic-reperfusion injury" refers to the initial damage associated with oxygen deprivation of a cell and the subsequent damage 15 associated with the inflammatory response when the cell is resupplied with oxygen. As embodied herein, the term "hyperoxia-induced injury" refers to the tissue damage associated with prolonged exposure to lethally high doses of oxygen, e.g., greater than 95% O₂, 20 including the tissue damage associated with the inflammatory response to the toxicologically high oxygen dose. Accordingly, as used herein, "toxic oxygen concentrations" refers to the tissue damage associated with the injury induced by both lethally low oxygen 25 concentrations of oxygen (including a complete lack of oxygen), and by lethally high oxygen concentrations. The expression "alleviating" means the protection from, reduction of and/or elimination of undesired tissue destruction, particularly immune cell-mediated tissue 30 destruction. The tissue destruction may be in response to an initial tissue injury, which may be mechanical, chemical or immunological in origin. The expression "enhance the viability of" living tissues or organs, as used herein, means protection from, reduction of and/or 35 elimination of reduced or lost tissue or organ function

as a result of tissue death, particularly immune cell-mediated tissue death. "Transplanted" living tissue encompasses both tissue transplants (e.g., as in the case of bone marrow transplants) and tissue grafts.

- 5 Finally, a "free oxygen radical inhibiting agent" means a molecule capable of inhibiting the release of and/or inhibiting tissue damaging effects of free oxygen radicals.
- 10 In one embodiment of the invention, the invention provides methods and compositions for alleviating the ischemic-reperfusion injury in mammalian tissue resulting from a deprivation of, and subsequent reperfusion of, oxygen to the tissue. In another 15 embodiment, the invention provides a method for alleviating the tissue-destructive effects associated with hyperoxia. In still another embodiment of the invention, the invention provides methods and compositions for maintaining the viability of tissues 20 and organs, particularly living tissues and organs to be transplanted, including protecting them from ischemia-reperfusion injury. In still another embodiment, the invention provides methods for protecting tissues and organs from the tissue 25 destructive effects of chronic inflammatory diseases, such as arthritis, psoriasis, dermatitis, including contact dermatitis, IBD and other chronic inflammatory diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, as well as the tissue destructive effects associated with other, known 30 autoimmune diseases, such as diabetes, multiple sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and other autoimmune neurodegenerative diseases.

In one aspect of the invention, the morphogen is provided to the damaged tissue following an initial injury to the tissue. The morphogen may be provided directly to the tissue, as by injection to the damaged tissue site or by topical administration, or may be provided indirectly, e.g., systemically by oral or parenteral means. Alternatively, as described above, an agent capable of stimulating endogenous morphogen expression and/or secretion may be administered to the mammal. Preferably, the agent can stimulate an endogenous morphogen in cells associated with the damaged tissue. Alternatively, morphogen expression and/or secretion may be stimulated in a distant tissue and the morphogen transported to the damaged tissue by the circulatory system.

In another aspect of the invention, the morphogen is provided to tissue at risk of damage due to immune cell-mediated tissue destruction. Examples of such tissues include tissue grafts and tissue or organ transplants, as well as any tissue or organ about to undergo a surgical procedure or other clinical procedure likely to either inhibit blood flow to the tissue or otherwise induce an inflammatory response. Here the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent preferably is provided to the patient prior to induction of the injury, e.g., as a prophylactic, to provide a cyto-protective effect to the tissue at risk.

Where the tissue at risk comprises a tissue or organ to be transplanted, the tissue or organ to be transplanted preferably is exposed to a morphogen prior to transplantation. Most preferably, the tissue or organ is exposed to the morphogen prior to its removal from the donor, by providing the donor with a

composition comprising a morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent. Alternatively or, in addition, once removed from the donor, the organ or tissue is placed in a preservation solution containing a morphogen or 5 morphogen-stimulating agent. In addition, the recipient also preferably is provided with a morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent just prior to, or concomitant with, transplantation. In all cases, the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent may be 10 administered directly to the tissue at risk, as by injection or topical administration to the tissue, or it may be provided systemically, either by oral or parenteral administration.

15 The morphogens described herein are envisioned to be useful in enhancing viability of any organ or living tissue to be transplanted. The morphogens may be used to particular advantage in lung, heart, liver, kidney or pancreas transplants, as well as in transplantation 20 and/or grafting of bone marrow, skin, gastrointestinal mucosa, and other living tissues.

Where the patient suffers from a chronic inflammatory disease, such as diabetes, arthritis, 25 psoriasis, IBD, and the like, the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent preferably is administered at regular intervals as a prophylactic, to prevent and/or inhibit the tissue damage normally associated with the disease during flare periods. As above, the 30 morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent may be provided directly to the tissue at risk, for example by injection or by topical administration, or indirectly, as by systemic e.g., oral or parenteral administration.

Among the morphogens useful in this invention are proteins originally identified as osteogenic proteins, such as the OP-1, OP-2 and CBMP2 proteins, as well as amino acid sequence-related proteins such as DPP (from 5 Drosophila), Vgl (from Xenopus), Vgr-1 (from mouse, see U.S. 5,011,691 to Oppermann et al.), GDF-1 (from mouse, see Lee (1991) PNAS 88:4250-4254), all of which are presented in Table II and Seq. ID Nos. 5-14), and the recently identified 60A protein (from Drosophila, Seq. 10 ID No. 24, see Wharton et al. (1991) PNAS 88:9214-9218.) The members of this family, which include members of the TGF- β super-family of proteins, share substantial amino acid sequence homology in their C-terminal regions. The proteins are translated as a 15 precursor, having an N-terminal signal peptide sequence, typically less than about 30 residues, followed by a "pro" domain that is cleaved to yield the mature sequence. The signal peptide is cleaved rapidly upon translation, at a cleavage site that can be 20 predicted in a given sequence using the method of Von Heijne ((1986) Nucleic Acids Research 14:4683-4691.) Table I, below, describes the various morphogens identified to date, including their nomenclature as used herein, their Seq. ID references, and publication 25 sources for the amino acid sequences for the full length proteins not included in the Seq. Listing. The disclosure of these publications is incorporated herein by reference.

TABLE I

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"OP-1" Refers generically to the group of morphogenically active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence encoding OP-1 protein, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human

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OP-1 ("hOP-1", Seq. ID No. 5, mature protein amino acid sequence), or mouse OP-1 ("mOP-1", Seq. ID No. 6, mature protein amino acid sequence.) The conserved seven cysteine skeleton is defined by residues 38 to 139 of Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 6. The cDNA sequences and the amino acids encoding the full length proteins are provided in Seq. ID Nos. 16 and 17 (hOP1) and Seq. ID Nos. 18 and 19 (mOP1.). The mature proteins are defined by residues 293-431 (hOP1) and 292-430 (mOP1.). The "pro" regions of the proteins, cleaved to yield the mature, morphogenically active proteins are defined essentially by residues 30-292 (hOP1) and residues 30-291 (mOP1.).

"OP-2" refers generically to the group of active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence encoding OP-2 protein, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human OP-2 ("hOP-2", Seq. ID No. 7, mature protein amino acid sequence) or mouse OP-2 ("mOP-2", Seq. ID No. 8, mature protein amino acid sequence). The conserved seven cysteine skeleton is defined by residues 38 to 139 of Seq. ID Nos. 7 and 8. The cDNA sequences and the amino acids encoding the full length proteins are provided in Seq. ID Nos. 20 and 21 (hOP2) and Seq. ID Nos. 22 and 23 (mOP2.). The mature proteins are defined essentially by residues 264-402 (hOP2) and 261-399 (mOP2.). The "pro"

regions of the proteins, cleaved to yield the mature, morphogenically active proteins likely are defined essentially by residues 18-263 (hOP2) and residues 18-260 (mOP2). (Another cleavage site also occurs 21 residues upstream for both OP-2 proteins.)

5 "CBMP2" refers generically to the morphogenically active proteins expressed from a DNA sequence encoding the CBMP2 proteins, including allelic and species variants thereof, e.g., human CBMP2A ("CBMP2A(fx)", Seq ID No. 9) or human CBMP2B DNA ("CBMP2B(fx)", Seq. ID No. 10). The amino acid sequence for the full length proteins, referred to in the literature as 10 BMP2A and BMP2B, or BMP2 and BMP4, appear in Wozney, et al. (1988) Science 242:1528-1534. The pro domain for BMP2 (BMP2A) 15 likely includes residues 25-248 or 25-282; the mature protein, residues 249-396 or 283-396. The pro domain for BMP4 (BMP2B) likely includes residues 25-256 or 25-292; 20 the mature protein, residues 257-408 or 293-408.

25 "DPP(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the Drosophila DPP gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 11). The amino acid sequence for the 30 full length protein appears in Padgett, et

5 al (1987) Nature 325: 81-84. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 456; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 457-588.

10 "Vgl(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the Xenopus Vgl gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 12). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Weeks (1987) Cell 51: 861-867. The prodomain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 246; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 247-360.

15 "Vgr-1(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the murine Vgr-1 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 13). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Lyons, et al, (1989) PNAS 86: 4554-4558. The prodomain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 299; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 300-438.

20 "GDF-1(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human GDF-1 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 14). The cDNA and encoded amino sequence for the full length protein is

provided in Seq. ID. No. 32. The prodomain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 214; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 215-372.

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"60A" refers generically to the morphogenically active proteins expressed from part or all of a DNA sequence (from the Drosophila 60A gene) encoding the 60A proteins (see Seq. ID No. 24 wherein the cDNA and encoded amino acid sequence for the full length protein is provided). "60A(fx)" refers to the protein sequences defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (residues 354 to 455 of Seq. ID No. 24.) The prodomain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 324; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 325-455.

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"BMP3(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human BMP3 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 26). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Wozney et al. (1988) Science 242: 1528-1534. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 290; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 291-472.

- "BMP5(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human BMP5 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 27). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Celeste, et al. (1991) PNAS 87: 9843-9847. The pro domain likely extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 316; the mature protein likely is defined by residues 317-454.
- "BMP6(fx)" refers to protein sequences encoded by the human BMP6 gene and defining the conserved seven cysteine skeleton (Seq. ID No. 28). The amino acid sequence for the full length protein appears in Celeste, et al. (1990) PNAS 87: 9843-5847. The pro domain likely includes extends from the signal peptide cleavage site to residue 374; the mature sequence likely includes residues 375-513.

The OP-2 proteins have an additional cysteine residue in this region (e.g., see residue 41 of Seq. ID Nos. 7 and 8), in addition to the conserved cysteine skeleton in common with the other proteins in this family. The GDF-1 protein has a four amino acid insert within the conserved skeleton (residues 44-47 of Seq. ID No. 14) but this insert likely does not interfere with the relationship of the cysteines in the folded structure. In addition, the CBMP2 proteins are missing one amino acid residue within the cysteine skeleton.

The morphogens are inactive when reduced, but are active as oxidized homodimers and when oxidized in combination with other morphogens of this invention (e.g., as heterodimers). Thus, as defined herein, a 5 morphogen is a dimeric protein comprising a pair of polypeptide chains, wherein each polypeptide chain comprises at least the C-terminal six cysteine skeleton defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5, including functionally equivalent arrangements of these cysteines 10 (e.g., amino acid insertions or deletions which alter the linear arrangement of the cysteines in the sequence but not their relationship in the folded structure), such that, when the polypeptide chains are folded, the dimeric protein species comprising the pair of 15 polypeptide chains has the appropriate three-dimensional structure, including the appropriate intra- or inter-chain disulfide bonds such that the protein is capable of acting as a morphogen as defined herein. Specifically, the morphogens generally are capable of 20 all of the following biological functions in a morphogenically permissive environment: stimulating proliferation of progenitor cells; stimulating the differentiation of progenitor cells; stimulating the proliferation of differentiated cells; and supporting 25 the growth and maintenance of differentiated cells, including the "redifferentiation" of transformed cells. In addition, it is also anticipated that these morphogens are capable of inducing redifferentiation of committed cells under appropriate environmental 30 conditions.

In one preferred aspect, the morphogens of this invention comprise one of two species of generic amino acid sequences: Generic Sequence 1 (Seq. ID No. 1) or 35 Generic Sequence 2 (Seq. ID No. 2); where each Xaa

indicates one of the 20 naturally-occurring L-isomer, α-amino acids or a derivative thereof. Generic Sequence 1 comprises the conserved six cysteine skeleton and Generic Sequence 2 comprises the conserved 5 six cysteine skeleton plus the additional cysteine identified in OP-2 (see residue 36, Seq. ID No. 2). In another preferred aspect, these sequences further comprise the following additional sequence at their N-terminus:

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Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa (Seq. ID No. 15)
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Preferred amino acid sequences within the 15 foregoing generic sequences include: Generic Sequence 3 (Seq. ID No. 3), Generic Sequence 4 (Seq. ID No. 4), Generic Sequence 5 (Seq. ID No. 30) and Generic Sequence 6 (Seq. ID No. 31), listed below. These 20 Generic Sequences accommodate the homologies shared among the various preferred members of this morphogen family identified in Table II, as well as the amino acid sequence variation among them. Specifically, Generic Sequences 3 and 4 are composite amino acid 25 sequences of the following proteins presented in Table II and identified in Seq. ID Nos. 5-14: human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1 (mOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-22), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), DPP (from *Drosophila*, Seq. ID 30 No. 11), Vgl, (from *Xenopus*, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13), and GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 14.) The generic sequences include both the amino acid identity shared by the sequences in Table II, as well as alternative residues for the 35 variable positions within the sequence. Note that

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these generic sequences allow for an additional cysteine at position 41 or 46 in Generic Sequences 3 or 4, respectively, providing an appropriate cysteine skeleton where inter- or intramolecular disulfide bonds can form, and contain certain critical amino acids which influence the tertiary structure of the proteins.

Generic Sequence 3

Leu Tyr Val Xaa Phe

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	Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa	
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	Xaa Ala Pro Xaa Gly Xaa Xaa Ala	
	15	20
15	Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa	
	25	30
	Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa	
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	Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa	
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5 Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
85 90
Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa
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wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group
10 of one or more specified amino acids defined as
follows: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.4 =
(Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.6 = (Arg, Gln, Ser or
Lys); Xaa at res.7 = (Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.8 = (Leu
or Val); Xaa at res.11 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His or Asn);
15 Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Arg or Asn); Xaa at res.14 = (Ile
or Val); Xaa at res.15 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.18 =
(Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.20 = (Tyr
or Phe); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Leu
or Gln); Xaa at res.23 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at
20 res.26 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp or Gln); Xaa at res.28 =
(Glu, Lys, Asp or Gln); Xaa at res.30 = (Ala, Ser, Pro
or Gln); Xaa at res.31 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at
res.33 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.34 = (Asn, Asp, Ala
or Thr); Xaa at res.35 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu or Ala);
25 Xaa at res.36 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at
res.37 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.38 = (Asn
or Ser); Xaa at res.39 = (Ala, Ser or Gly); Xaa at
res.40 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.44 = (Ile or
Val); Xaa at res.45 = (Val or Leu); Xaa at res.46 =
30 (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.47 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at
res.49 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.50 = (His or Asn);
Xaa at res.51 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa

at res.52 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.53 = (Asn, Lys, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.54 = (Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.55 = (Glu, Asp, Asn, or Gly); Xaa at res.56 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser or Ala); Xaa at 5 res.57 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.58 = (Pro or Asp); Xaa at res.59 = (Lys or Leu); Xaa at res.60 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.63 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.65 = (Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.66 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.67 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at 10 res.68 = (Asn, Ser or Asp); Xaa at res.69 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.70 = (Ile, Thr or Val); Xaa at res.71 = (Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.72 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.74 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.75 = (Phe, Tyr or Leu); Xaa at res.76 = (Asp or Asn); Xaa at res.77 = 15 (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.78 = (Ser, Gln, Asn or Tyr); Xaa at res.79 = (Ser, Asn, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.80 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.82 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.84 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.85 = (Lys, Asn, Gln or His); Xaa at res.86 = (Tyr or His); 20 Xaa at res.87 = (Arg, Gln or Glu); Xaa at res.88 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.90 = (Val, Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.93 = (Ala, Gly or Glu); and Xaa at res.97 = (His or Arg);

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Generic Sequence 4

Cys	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Leu	Tyr	Val	Xaa	Phe	
1						5				10	
30	Xaa	Xaa	Xaa	Gly	Trp	Xaa	Xaa	Trp	Xaa		
						15					
	Xaa	Ala	Pro	Xaa	Gly	Xaa	Xaa	Ala			
		20				25					
	Xaa	Tyr	Cys	Xaa	Gly	Xaa	Cys	Xaa			
35				30			35				

	Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa	
		40
	Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa	
		45
5	Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa	
		55
	Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys	
		60
	Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa	
10		70
	Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa	
		75
	Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa	
		85
15	Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa	
		90
	Xaa Cys Gly Cys Xaa	
		100

wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group
20 of one or more specified amino acids as defined by the
following: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 =
(Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.3 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.4
= (His or Arg); Xaa at res.5 = (Glu, Ser, His, Gly, Arg
or Pro); Xaa at res.9 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at
25 res.11 = (Arg, Gln, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp
or Glu); Xaa at res.13 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.16 =
(Gln, Leu, Asp, His or Asn); Xaa at res.17 = (Asp, Arg,
or Asn); Xaa at res.19 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.20 =
30 (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.23 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro
or Arg); Xaa at res.25 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.26 =
(Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Leu, or Gln); Xaa at res.28 =
(Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.31 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp
or Gln); Xaa at res.33 = Glu, Lys, Asp or Gln); Xaa at
35 res.35 = (Ala, Ser or Pro); Xaa at res.36 = (Phe, Leu
or Tyr); Xaa at res.38 = (Leu or Val); Xaa at res.39 =

(Asn, Asp, Ala or Thr); Xaa at res.40 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu or Ala); Xaa at res.41 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at res.42 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.44 = (Ala, Ser or Gly); Xaa at res.45 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.49 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.50 = (Val or Leu); Xaa at res.51 = (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.52 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.54 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.55 = (His or Asn); Xaa at res.56 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.57 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.58 = (Asn, Lys, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.59 = (Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.60 = (Glu, Asp, or Gly); Xaa at res.61 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.62 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.63 = (Pro or Asp); Xaa at res.64 = (Lys or Leu); Xaa at res.65 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.68 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.70 = (Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.71 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.72 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at res.73 = (Asn, Ser or Asp); Xaa at res.74 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.75 = (Ile, Thr or Val); Xaa at res.76 = (Ser or Ala); Xaa at res.77 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.79 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.80 = (Phe, Tyr or Leu); Xaa at res.81 = (Asp or Asn); Xaa at res.82 = (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.83 = (Ser, Gln, Asn or Tyr); Xaa at res.84 = (Ser, Asn, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.85 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.87 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.89 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.90 = (Lys, Asn, Gln or His); Xaa at res.91 = (Tyr or His); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Gln or Glu); Xaa at res.93 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.95 = (Val, Thr or Ala); Xaa at res.97 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.98 = (Ala, Gly or Glu); and Xaa at res.102 = (His or Arg).

Similarly, Generic Sequence 5 (Seq. ID No. 30) and Generic Sequence 6 (Seq. ID No. 31) accommodate the homologies shared among all the morphogen protein family members identified in Table II. Specifically,

5 Generic Sequences 5 and 6 are composite amino acid sequences of human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1 (mOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-22), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), DPP

10 (from Drosophila, Seq. ID No. 11), Vgl, (from Xenopus, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13), and GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 14), human BMP3 (Seq. ID No. 26), human BMP5 (Seq. ID No. 27), human BMP6 (Seq. ID No. 28) and 60(A) (from Drosophila, Seq.

15 ID Nos. 24-25). The generic sequences include both the amino acid identity shared by these sequences in the C-terminal domain, defined by the six and seven cysteine skeletons (Generic Sequences 5 and 6, respectively), as well as alternative residues for the

20 variable positions within the sequence. As for Generic Sequences 3 and 4, Generic Sequences 5 and 6 allow for an additional cysteine at position 41 (Generic Sequence 5) or position 46 (Generic Sequence 6), providing an appropriate cysteine skeleton where inter- or

25 intramolecular disulfide bonds can form, and containing certain critical amino acids which influence the tertiary structure of the proteins.

Generic Sequence 5

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Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Phe

1 5

Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa

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Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Ala
15 20

Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
25 30

5 Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
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Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
40 45

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
10 50

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
55 60

Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
65

15 Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa
70 75

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa
80

Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa
20 85 90

Xaa Cys Xaa Cys Xaa
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wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group
of one or more specified amino acids defined as
25 follows: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 =
(Tyr or Lys); Xaa at res.3 = Val or Ile); Xaa at res.4
= (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.6 = (Arg, Gln, Ser, Lys
or Ala); Xaa at res.7 = (Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa at res.8

= (Leu, Val or Ile); Xaa at res.11 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Arg, Asn or Glu); Xaa at res.14 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.15 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.16 (Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.18
5 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.19 = (Gly or Ser); Xaa at res.20 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Gln, Leu or Gly); Xaa at res.23 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.26 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp, Gln or Ser); Xaa at res.28 = (Glu, 10 Lys, Asp, Gln or Ala); Xaa at res.30 = (Ala, Ser, Pro, Gln or Asn); Xaa at res.31 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at res.33 = (Leu, Val or Met); Xaa at res.34 = (Asn, Asp, Ala, Thr or Pro); Xaa at res.35 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu, Ala or Lys); Xaa at res.36 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or 15 Ile); Xaa at res.37 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.38 = (Asn, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.39 = (Ala, Ser, Gly or Pro); Xaa at res.40 = (Thr, Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.44 = (Ile, Val or Thr); Xaa at res.45 = (Val, Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.46 = (Gln or Arg); Xaa at res.47 = 20 (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.48 = (Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.49 = (Val or Met); Xaa at res.50 = (His, Asn or Arg); Xaa at res.51 = (Phe, Leu, Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.52 = (Ile, Met, Asn, Ala, Val or Leu); Xaa at res.53 = (Asn, Lys, Ala, Glu, Gly or Phe); Xaa at 25 res.54 = (Pro, Ser or Val); Xaa at res.55 = (Glu, Asp, Asn, Gly, Val or Lys); Xaa at res.56 = (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser, Ala, Pro or His); Xaa at res.57 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.58 = (Pro or Asp); Xaa at res.59 = (Lys, Leu or Glu); Xaa at res.60 = (Pro or 30 Ala); Xaa at res.63 = (Ala or Val); Xaa at res.65 = (Thr, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.66 = (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.67 = (Leu, Met or Val); Xaa at res.68 = (Asn, Ser, Asp or Gly); Xaa at res.69 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.70 = (Ile, Thr, Val or Leu); Xaa at 35 res.71 = (Ser, Ala or Pro); Xaa at res.72 = (Val, Met

or Ile); Xaa at res.74 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.75 = (Phe, Tyr, Leu or His); Xaa at res.76 = (Asp, Asn or Leu); Xaa at res.77 = (Asp, Glu, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.78 = (Ser, Gln, Asn, Tyr or Asp); Xaa at res.79 =
5 (Ser, Asn, Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa at res.80 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.82 = (Ile, Val or Asn); Xaa at res.84 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at res.85 = (Lys, Asn, Gln, His or Val); Xaa at res.86 = (Tyr or His); Xaa at res.87 = (Arg, Gln, Glu or Pro); Xaa at res.88 = (Asn,
10 Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.90 = (Val, Thr, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Lys, Val, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.93 = (Ala, Gly, Glu or Ser); Xaa at res.95 = (Gly or Ala) and Xaa at res.97 = (His or Arg).

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Generic Sequence 6

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa Phe
1 5 10
Xaa Xaa Xaa Gly Trp Xaa Xaa Trp Xaa
20 15
Xaa Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Ala
20 25
Xaa Tyr Cys Xaa Gly Xaa Cys Xaa
30 35
25 Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
40
Xaa Xaa Xaa Asn His Ala Xaa Xaa
45 50
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
30 55
Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Cys
60 65
Cys Xaa Pro Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
70

100

	Xaa Xaa Xaa Leu Xaa Xaa Xaa	
	75	80
	Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Val Xaa Leu Xaa	
	85	
5	Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa Met Xaa Val Xaa	
	90	95
	Xaa Cys Xaa Cys Xaa	
	100	

- 10 wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined by the following: "Res." means "residue" and Xaa at res.2 = (Lys, Arg, Ala or Gln); Xaa at res.3 = (Lys, Arg or Met); Xaa at res.4 = (His, Arg or Gln); Xaa at res.5 = (Glu, Ser, His, Gly, Arg, Pro, Thr, or Tyr); Xaa at res.7 = (Tyr or Lys); Xaa at res.8 = (Val or Ile); Xaa at res.9 = (Ser, Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.11 = (Arg, Gln, Ser, Lys or Ala); Xaa at res.12 = (Asp, Glu, or Lys); Xaa at res.13 = (Leu, Val or Ile); Xaa at res.16 = (Gln, Leu, Asp, His, Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.17 = (Asp, Arg, Asn or Glu); Xaa at res.19 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.20 = (Ile or Val); Xaa at res.21 = (Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.23 = (Glu, Gln, Leu, Lys, Pro or Arg); Xaa at res.24 = (Gly or Ser); Xaa at res.25 = (Tyr or Phe); Xaa at res.26 = (Ala, Ser, Asp, Met, His, Gln, Leu, or Gly); Xaa at res.28 = (Tyr, Asn or Phe); Xaa at res.31 = (Glu, His, Tyr, Asp, Gln or Ser); Xaa at res.33 = Glu, Lys, Asp, Gln or Ala); Xaa at res.35 = (Ala, Ser, Pro, Gln or Asn); Xaa at res.36 = (Phe, Leu or Tyr); Xaa at res.38 = (Leu, Val or Met); Xaa at res.39 = (Asn, Asp, Ala, Thr or Pro); Xaa at res.40 = (Ser, Asp, Glu, Leu, Ala or Lys); Xaa at res.41 = (Tyr, Cys, His, Ser or Ile); Xaa at res.42 = (Met, Phe, Gly or Leu); Xaa at res.43 = (Asn, Ser or Lys); Xaa at res.44 = (Ala, Ser, Gly or Pro); Xaa at res.45 = (Thr,

Leu or Ser); Xaa at res.49 = (Ile, Val or Thr); Xaa at
res.50 = (Val, Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.51 = (Gln or
Arg); Xaa at res.52 = (Thr, Ala or Ser); Xaa at res.53
= (Leu or Ile); Xaa at res.54 = (Val or Met); Xaa at
5 res.55 = (His, Asn or Arg); Xaa at res.56 = (Phe, Leu,
Asn, Ser, Ala or Val); Xaa at res.57 = (Ile, Met, Asn,
Ala, Val or Leu); Xaa at res.58 = (Asn, Lys, Ala, Glu,
Gly or Phe); Xaa at res.59 = (Pro, Ser or Val); Xaa at
res.60 = (Glu, Asp, Gly, Val or Lys); Xaa at res.61 =
10 (Thr, Ala, Val, Lys, Asp, Tyr, Ser, Ala, Pro or His);
Xaa at res.62 = (Val, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.63 = (Pro
or Asp); Xaa at res.64 = (Lys, Leu or Glu); Xaa at
res.65 = (Pro or Ala); Xaa at res.68 = (Ala or Val);
Xaa at res.70 = (Thr, Ala or Glu); Xaa at res.71 =
15 (Gln, Lys, Arg or Glu); Xaa at res.72 = (Leu, Met or
Val); Xaa at res.73 = (Asn, Ser, Asp or Gly); Xaa at
res.74 = (Ala, Pro or Ser); Xaa at res.75 = (Ile, Thr,
Val or Leu); Xaa at res.76 = (Ser, Ala or Pro); Xaa at
res.77 = (Val, Met or Ile); Xaa at res.79 = (Tyr or
20 Phe); Xaa at res.80 = (Phe, Tyr, Leu or His); Xaa at
res.81 = (Asp, Asn or Leu); Xaa at res.82 = (Asp, Glu,
Asn or Ser); Xaa at res.83 = (Ser, Gln, Asn, Tyr or
Asp); Xaa at res.84 = (Ser, Asn, Asp, Glu or Lys); Xaa
at res.85 = (Asn, Thr or Lys); Xaa at res.87 = (Ile,
25 Val or Asn); Xaa at res.89 = (Lys or Arg); Xaa at
res.90 = (Lys, Asn, Gln, His or Val); Xaa at res.91 =
(Tyr or His); Xaa at res.92 = (Arg, Gln, Glu or Pro);
Xaa at res.93 = (Asn, Glu or Asp); Xaa at res.95 =
(Val, Thr, Ala or Ile); Xaa at res.97 = (Arg, Lys, Val,
30 Asp or Glu); Xaa at res.98 = (Ala, Gly, Glu or Ser);
Xaa at res.100 = (Gly or Ala); and Xaa at res.102 =
(His or Arg).

Particularly useful sequences for use as morphogens in this invention include the C-terminal domains, e.g., the C-terminal 96-102 amino acid residues of Vgl, Vgr-1, DPP, OP-1, OP-2, CBMP-2A, CBMP-2B, GDF-1 (see 5 Table II, below, and Seq. ID Nos. 5-14), as well as proteins comprising the C-terminal domains of 60A, BMP3, BMP5 and BMP6 (see Seq. ID Nos. 24-28), all of which include at least the conserved six or seven cysteine skeleton. In addition, biosynthetic 10 constructs designed from the generic sequences, such as COP-1, 3-5, 7, 16, disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,011,691, also are useful. Other sequences include the inhibins/activin proteins (see, for example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,968,590 and 5,011,691). Accordingly, other 15 useful sequences are those sharing at least 70% amino acid sequence homology or "similarity", and preferably 80% homology or similarity with any of the sequences above. These are anticipated to include allelic and species variants and mutants, and biosynthetic muteins, 20 as well as novel members of this morphogenic family of proteins. Particularly envisioned in the family of related proteins are those proteins exhibiting morphogenic activity and wherein the amino acid changes from the preferred sequences include conservative 25 changes, e.g., those as defined by Dayoff et al., Atlas of Protein Sequence and Structure; vol. 5, Suppl. 3, pp. 345-362, (M.O. Dayoff, ed., Nat'l BioMed. Research Fdn., Washington, D.C. 1979). As used herein, potentially useful sequences are aligned with a known 30 morphogen sequence using the method of Needleman et al. ((1970) J.Mol.Biol. 48:443-453) and identities calculated by the Align program (DNASTar, Inc.). "Homology" or "similarity" as used herein includes allowed conservative changes as defined by Dayoff et 35 al.

The currently most preferred protein sequences useful as morphogens in this invention include those having greater than 60% identity, preferably greater than 65% identity, with the amino acid sequence

5 defining the conserved six cysteine skeleton of hOP1 (e.g., residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5). These most preferred sequences include both allelic and species variants of the OP-1 and OP-2 proteins, including the Drosophila 60A protein. Accordingly, in another

10 preferred aspect of the invention, useful morphogens include active proteins comprising species of polypeptide chains having the generic amino acid sequence herein referred to as "OPX", which accommodates the homologies between the various

15 identified species of OP1 and OP2 (Seq. ID No. 29).

The morphogens useful in the methods, composition and devices of this invention include proteins comprising any of the polypeptide chains described above, whether isolated from naturally-occurring sources, or produced by recombinant DNA or other synthetic techniques, and includes allelic and species variants of these proteins, naturally-occurring or biosynthetic mutants thereof, as well as various truncated and fusion constructs. Deletion or addition mutants also are envisioned to be active, including those which may alter the conserved C-terminal cysteine skeleton, provided that the alteration does not functionally disrupt the relationship of these cysteines in the folded structure. Accordingly, such active forms are considered the equivalent of the specifically described constructs disclosed herein.

The proteins may include forms having varying glycosylation patterns, varying N-termini, a family of related proteins having regions of amino acid sequence homology, and active truncated or mutated forms of native or biosynthetic proteins, produced by expression of recombinant DNA in host cells.

The morphogenic proteins can be expressed from intact or truncated cDNA or from synthetic DNAs in procaryotic or eucaryotic host cells, and purified, cleaved, refolded, and dimerized to form morphogenically active compositions. Currently preferred host cells include E. coli or mammalian cells, such as CHO, COS or BSC cells. A detailed description of the morphogens useful in the methods, compositions and devices of this invention is disclosed in copending US patent application Serial Nos. 752,764, filed August 30, 1991, and 667,274, filed March 11, 1991, the disclosure of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Thus, in view of this disclosure, skilled genetic engineers can isolate genes from cDNA or genomic libraries of various different species which encode appropriate amino acid sequences, or construct DNAs from oligonucleotides, and then can express them in various types of host cells, including both procaryotes and eucaryotes, to produce large quantities of active proteins capable of protecting tissues and organs from immune cell-mediated tissue destruction, including substantially inhibiting such damage and/or regenerating the damaged tissue in a variety of mammals, including humans.

The foregoing and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be made more apparent from the following detailed description of the invention.

Brief Description of the Drawings

- FIG 1 shows the cardioprotective effects of morphogen (hOP1) in a rat myocardial ischemia-reperfusion model, as evidenced by the smaller loss of myocardial creatine kinase in hOP1-treated rats;
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- FIG 2 shows the effects of 20 µg of morphogen (hOP1) given 24 hours prior to isolation of rat heart on endothelial-dependent vasorelaxation to acetylcholine following induced ischemia-reperfusion injury;
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- 15 FIG 3 shows the effect of morphogen (hOP1) on neutrophil adherence to LTB₄-stimulated mesenteric artery endothelium in neutrophil-activated rats;
- 20 FIG 4 (A and B) are schematic representations of morphogen inhibition of early mononuclear phagocytic multinuclearization in vivo;
- 25 FIG 5 graphs the effect of a morphogen (e.g., OP-1) and a placebo control on mucositic lesion formation; and
- 30 FIG 6 (A-D) graphs the effects of a morphogen (eg., OP-1, Figs. 6A and 6C) and TGF-β (Fig. 6B and 6D) on collagen (6A and 6B) and hyaluronic acid (6C and 6D) production in primary fibroblast cultures.

Detailed Description of the Invention

It now has been surprisingly discovered that the morphogens defined herein are effective agents in alleviating the tissue destructive effects associated with the body's inflammatory response to tissue injury. In particular, as disclosed herein, the morphogens are capable of alleviating the necrotic tissue effects associated with the ensuing inflammatory responses that occur following an initial tissue injury.

When tissue injury occurs, whether caused by bacteria, trauma, chemicals, heat, or any other phenomenon, the body's inflammatory response is stimulated. In response to signals released from the damaged cells (e.g., cytokines), extravascularization of immune effector cells is induced. Under ordinary circumstances these invading immune effector cells kill the infectious agent and/or infected or damaged cells (through the release of killing substances such as superoxides, perforins, and other antimicrobial agents stored in granules), remove the dead tissues and organisms (through phagocytosis), release various biological response modifiers that promote rapid healing and covering of the wound (quite often resulting in the formation of fibrotic scar tissue), and then, after the area is successfully healed, exit from the site of the initial insult. Once the site is perceived to be normal, the local release of inflammatory cytokines ceases and the display of adhesion molecules on the vessel endothelium returns to basal levels. In some cases, however, the zeal of these interacting signals and cellular systems, which are designed to capture and contain very rapidly multiplying infectious agents, act to the detriment of

the body, killing additional, otherwise healthy, surrounding tissue. This additional unnecessary tissue death further compromises organ function and sometimes results in death of the individual. In addition, the 5 resulting scar tissue that often forms can interfere with normal tissue function as occurs, for example, in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, IBD and organ cirrhosis.

The vascular endothelium constitutes the first
10 barrier between circulating immune effector cells and extravascular tissues. Extravasation of these circulating cells requires that they bind to the vascular endothelial cells, cross the basement membrane, and enter insulted tissues e.g., by
15 phagocytosis or protease-mediated extracellular matrix degradation. Without being limited to a particular theory, it is believed that the morphogens of this invention may modulate the inflammatory response in part by modulating the attachment of immune effector
20 cells to the luminal side of the endothelium of blood vessels at or near sites of tissue damage and/or inflammatory lesions. Because the method reduces or prevents the attachment of immune effector cells at these sites, it also prevents the subsequent release of
25 tissue destructive agents by these same immune effector cells at sites of tissue damage and/or inflammatory lesions. Because attachment of immune effector cells to the endothelium must precede their extravascularization, the method also prevents the
30 initial or continued entry of these cells into extravascular sites of tissue destruction or ongoing inflammatory lesions. Therefore, the invention not only relates to a method to reduce or prevent the immune cell-mediated cellular destruction at
35 extravascular sites of recent tissue destruction, but

also relates to a method to prevent or reduce the continued entry of immune effector cells into extravascular sites of ongoing inflammatory cascades. As will be appreciated by those skilled in the art, the 5 morphogens of this invention also may be contemplated in mechanisms for disrupting the functional interaction of immune effector cells with endothelium where the adhesion molecules are induced by means other than in response to tissue injury.

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One source of tissue injury is induced by cell exposure to toxic oxygen concentrations, such as ischemic-reperfusion tissue injury (oxygen deprivation), and following hyperoxia injury (lethally 15 high oxygen concentrations). Accordingly, the process of the present invention provides a method for alleviating the tissue damage induced by ischemic-reperfusion injury or hyperoxia-induced injury comprising the step of administering to the afflicted 20 individual a therapeutic amount of a morphogen prior to, during, or after damage to the affected tissue. Where the toxic oxygen concentrations may be deliberately induced, as by a surgical or clinical procedure, the morphogen preferably is administered 25 prior to induction.

In addition, the morphogens described herein, in contrast to fibrogenic growth factors such as TGF- β , stimulate tissue morphogenesis and do not stimulate 30 fibrosis or scar tissue formation (see Example 9, below.) Accordingly, in addition to inhibiting the tissue destructive effects associated with the inflammatory response, the morphogens further enhance the viability of damaged tissue and/or organs by 35 stimulating the regeneration of the damaged tissue and preventing fibrogenesis.

The morphogens described herein also can inhibit epithelial cell proliferation (see Example 10, below.) This activity of the morphogens also may be particularly useful in the treatment of psoriasis and 5 other inflammatory diseases that involve epithelial cell populations.

Provided below are detailed descriptions of suitable morphogens useful in the methods and 10 compositions of this invention, as well as methods for their administration and application, and numerous, nonlimiting examples which 1) illustrate the suitability of the morphogens and morphogen-stimulating agents described herein as therapeutic agents for 15 protecting tissue from the tissue destructive effects associated with the body's inflammatory response; and 2) provide assays with which to test candidate morphogens and morphogen-stimulating agents for their efficacy.

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I. Useful Morphogens

As defined herein a protein is morphogenic if it is 25 capable of inducing the developmental cascade of cellular and molecular events that culminate in the formation of new, organ-specific tissue and comprises at least the conserved C-terminal six cysteine skeleton or its functional equivalent (see supra). 30 Specifically, the morphogens generally are capable of all of the following biological functions in a morphogenically permissive environment: stimulating proliferation of progenitor cells; stimulating the differentiation of progenitor cells; stimulating the 35 proliferation of differentiated cells; and supporting

the growth and maintenance of differentiated cells, including the "redifferentiation" of transformed cells. Details of how the morphogens useful in the method of this invention first were identified, as well as a 5 description on how to make, use and test them for morphogenic activity are disclosed in USSN 667,274, filed March 11, 1991 and USSN 752,764, filed August 30, 1991, the disclosures of which are hereinabove incorporated by reference. As disclosed therein, the 10 morphogens may be purified from naturally-sourced material or recombinantly produced from procaryotic or eucaryotic host cells, using the genetic sequences disclosed therein. Alternatively, novel morphogenic sequences may be identified following the procedures 15 disclosed therein.

Particularly useful proteins include those which comprise the naturally derived sequences disclosed in Table II. Other useful sequences include biosynthetic 20 constructs such as those disclosed in U.S. Pat. 5,011,691, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference (e.g., COP-1, COP-3, COP-4, COP-5, COP-7, and COP-16).

25 Accordingly, the morphogens useful in the methods and compositions of this invention also may be described by morphogenically active proteins having amino acid sequences sharing 70% or, preferably, 80% homology (similarity) with any of the sequences 30 described above, where "homology" is as defined herein above.

The morphogens useful in the method of this invention also can be described by any of the 6 generic sequences described herein (Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6). Generic sequences 1 and 2 also may 5 include, at their N-terminus, the sequence

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa (Seq. ID No. 15)
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10 Table II, set forth below, compares the amino acid sequences of the active regions of native proteins that have been identified as morphogens, including human OP-1 (hOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 5 and 16-17), mouse OP-1 (mOP-1, Seq. ID Nos. 6 and 18-19), human and mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 7, 8, and 20-23), CBMP2A (Seq. ID No. 9), CBMP2B (Seq. ID No. 10), BMP3 (Seq. ID No. 26), DPP (from Drosophila, Seq. ID No. 11), Vgl, (from Xenopus, Seq. ID No. 12), Vgr-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID No. 13), GDF-1 (from mouse, Seq. ID Nos. 14, 32 and 33), 60A 20 protein (from Drosophila, Seq. ID Nos. 24 and 25), BMP5 (Seq. ID No. 27) and BMP6 (Seq. ID No. 28). The sequences are aligned essentially following the method of Needleman et al. (1970) J. Mol. Biol., 48:443-453, calculated using the Align Program (DNASTAR, Inc.) In 25 the table, three dots indicates that the amino acid in that position is the same as the amino acid in hOP-1. Three dashes indicates that no amino acid is present in that position, and are included for purposes of illustrating homologies. For example, amino acid 30 residue 60 of CBMP-2A and CBMP-2B is "missing". Of course, both these amino acid sequences in this region comprise Asn-Ser (residues 58, 59), with CBMP-2A then comprising Lys and Ile, whereas CBMP-2B comprises Ser and Ile.

TABLE II

	hOP-1	Cys	Lys	Lys	His	Glu	Leu	Tyr	Val
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	hOP-2	...	Arg	Arg	...	...	...	...	...
	mOP-2	...	Arg	Arg	...	...	...	...	...
	DPP	...	Arg	Arg	...	Ser	...	...	...
	Vgl	...	...	Lys	Arg	His	...	...	...
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	Gly	...	...	...
10	CBMP-2A	...	...	Arg	...	Pro	...	...	...
	CBMP-2B	...	Arg	Arg	...	Ser	...	...	...
	BMP3	...	Ala	Arg	Arg	Tyr	...	Lys	...
	GDF-1	...	Arg	Ala	Arg	Arg	...	...	...
	60A	...	Gln	Met	Glu	Thr	...	...	...
15	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	Arg	...	...	...	...	...	...
		1				5			

	hOP-1	Ser	Phe	Arg	Asp	Leu	Gly	Trp	Gln	Asp
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	...	Gln	...	...	...	...	Leu	...
	mOP-2	Ser	...	...	...	...	...	...	Leu	...
	DPP	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asp	...
25	Vgl	Glu	...	Lys	...	Val	...	...	...	Asn
	Vgr-1	...	...	Gln	...	Val	...	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asn	...
	CBMP-2B	Asp	...	Ser	...	Val	...	...	Asn	...
	BMP3	Asp	...	Ala	...	Ile	...	...	Ser	Glu
30	GDF-1	...	...	...	Glu	Val	...	...	His	Arg
	60A	Asp	...	Lys	...	...	...	...	His	...
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	Gln	...	...	...	...	...	...
		10					15			

	hOP-1	Trp	Ile	Ile	Ala	Pro	Glu	Gly	Tyr	Ala
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Ser
	mOP-2	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Ser
5	DPP	...	...	Val	...	...	Leu	...	...	Asp
	Vgl	...	Val	...	...	...	Gln	...	...	Met
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	...	...	Val	...	...	Pro	...	...	His
	CBMP-2B	...	...	Val	...	...	Pro	...	...	Gln
10	BMP3	...	...	...	Ser	...	Lys	Ser	Phe	Asp
	GDF-1	...	Val	...	...	...	Arg	...	Phe	Leu
	60A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gly
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	...	...	...

	hOP-2	...	...	...	Asp	...	Cys	...	...	...
	mOP-2	...	...	...	Asp	...	Cys	...	...	...
	DPP	...	...	...	Ala	Asp	His	Phe	...	Ser
	Vgl	Tyr	...	...	Thr	Glu	Ile	Leu	...	Gly
5	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	Ala	His	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	...	...	...	Ala	Asp	His	Leu	...	Ser
	CBMP-2B	...	...	...	Ala	Asp	His	Leu	...	Ser
	GDF-1	Leu	...	Val	Ala	Leu	Ser	Gly	Ser**	...
	BMP3	Met	Pro	Lys	Ser	Leu	Lys	Pro
10	60A	Ala	His
	BMP5	Ala	His	Met
	BMP6	Ala	His	Met

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15	hOP-1	Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Val	Gln	Thr	Leu
	mOP-1
	hOP-2	Leu	...	Ser	...
	mOP-2	Leu	...	Ser	...
	DPP	Val
20	Vgl	Ser	...	...	...	...	Leu	...	...	...
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A
	CBMP-2B
	BMP3	Ser	Thr	Ile	...	Ser	Ile
25	GDF-1	Leu	Val	Leu	Arg	Ala	...
	60A
	BMP5
	BMP6

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30	hOP-1	Val	His	Phe	Ile	Asn	Pro	Glu	Thr	Val
	mOP-1	Asp
	hOP-2	...	His	Leu	Met	Lys	...	Asn	Ala	...
35	mOP-2	...	His	Leu	Met	Lys	...	Asp	Val	...

	DPP	...	Asn	Asn	Asn	...	...	Gly	Lys	...
	Vgl	...	...	Ser	...	Glu	...	...	Asp	Ile
	Vgr-1	...	...	Val	Met	...	...	...	Tyr	...
	CBMP-2A	...	Asn	Ser	Val	...	Ser	---	Lys	Ile
5	CBMP-2B	...	Asn	Ser	Val	...	Ser	---	Ser	Ile
	BMP3	...	Arg	Ala**	Gly	Val	Val	Pro	Gly	Ile
	GDF-1	Met	...	Ala	Ala	Ala	...	Gly	Ala	Ala
	60A	...	...	Leu	Leu	Glu	...	Lys	Lys	...
	BMP5	...	...	Leu	Met	Phe	...	Asp	His	...
10	BMP6	...	...	Leu	Met	...	...	...	Tyr	...

	DPP	...	Asp	Ser	Val	Ala	Met	...	...	Leu
	CBMP-2A	...	Ser	...	...	...	Met	...	...	Leu
	CBMP-2B	...	Ser	...	...	...	Met	...	...	Leu
	BMP3	Met	Ser	Ser	Leu	...	Ile	...	Phe	Tyr
5	GDF-1	...	Ser	Pro	...	...	...	...	Phe	...
	60A	...	Gly	...	Leu	Pro	...	...	...	His
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
					75					80
10										
	hOP-1	Asp	Asp	Ser	Ser	Asn	Val	Ile	Leu	Lys
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	Ser	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	Arg
	mOP-2	...	Ser	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	Arg
15	DPP	Asn	...	Gln	...	Thr	...	Val	...	...
	Vgl	...	Asn	Asn	Asp	...	...	Val	...	Arg
	Vgr-1	...	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	...	Glu	Asn	Glu	Lys	...	Val	...	...
	CBMP-2B	...	Glu	Tyr	Asp	Lys	...	Val	...	...
20	BMP3	...	Glu	Asn	Lys	...	...	Val	...	...
	GDF-1	...	Asn	...	Asp	...	...	Val	...	Arg
	60A	Leu	Asn	Asp	Glu	...	...	Asn	...	...
	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	Asn	...	...	...	...	...	...
25					85					
	hOP-1	Lys	Tyr	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Arg	
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	hOP-2	...	His	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	
	mOP-2	...	His	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	
	DPP	Asn	...	Gln	Glu	...	Thr	...	Val	
	Vgl	His	...	Glu	...	...	Ala	...	Asp	
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	CBMP-2A	Asn	...	Gln	Asp	...	...	...	Glu	

	CBMP-2B	Asn	...	Gln	Glu	...	...	...	Glu
	BMP3	Val	...	Pro	...	...	Thr	...	Glu
	GDF-1	Gln	...	Glu	Asp	...	...	...	Asp
	60A	...	...	...	...	...	Ile	...	Lys
5	BMP5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	...	Trp	...	...	...	...
		90				95			

10	hOP-1	Ala	Cys	Gly	Cys	His			
	mOP-1	...	...	...	...	...
	hOP-2	...	...	...	...	...
	mOP-2	...	...	...	...	...
	DPP	Gly	...	...	...	Arg			
15	Vgl	Glu	...	...	...	Arg			
	Vgr-1	...	...	...	...	...
	CBMP-2A	Gly	...	...	...	Arg			
	CBMP-2B	Gly	...	...	...	Arg			
	BMP3	Ser	...	Ala	...	Arg			
20	GDF-1	Glu	...	...	...	Arg			
	60A	Ser	...	...	...	...
	BMP5	Ser	...	...	...	...
	BMP6	...	...	...	...	...
		100							

25 **Between residues 56 and 57 of BMP3 is a Val residue;
 between residues 43 and 44 of GDF-1 lies
 the amino acid sequence Gly-Gly-Pro-Pro.

30 As is apparent from the foregoing amino acid
 sequence comparisons, significant amino acid changes
 can be made within the generic sequences while
 retaining the morphogenic activity. For example, while
 the GDF-1 protein sequence depicted in Table II shares
 35 only about 50% amino acid identity with the hOP1

- sequence described therein, the GDF-1 sequence shares greater than 70% amino acid sequence homology (or "similarity") with the hOP1 sequence, where "homology" or "similarity" includes allowed conservative amino acid changes within the sequence as defined by Dayoff, et al., Atlas of Protein Sequence and Structure vol.5, supp.3, pp.345-362, (M.O. Dayoff, ed., Nat'l BioMed. Res. Fd'n, Washington D.C. 1979.)
- 10 The currently most preferred protein sequences useful as morphogens in this invention include those having greater than 60% identity, preferably greater than 65% identity, with the amino acid sequence defining the conserved six cysteine skeleton of hOP1 (e.g., residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5). These most preferred sequences include both allelic and species variants of the OP-1 and OP-2 proteins, including the *Drosophila* 60A protein. Accordingly, in still another preferred aspect, the invention includes morphogens comprising species of polypeptide chains having the generic amino acid sequence referred to herein as "OPX", which defines the seven cysteine skeleton and accommodates the identities between the various identified mouse and human OP1 and OP2 proteins. OPX is presented in Seq. ID No. 29. As described therein, each Xaa at a given position independently is selected from the residues occurring at the corresponding position in the C-terminal sequence of mouse or human OP1 or OP2 (see Seq. ID Nos. 5-8 and/or Seq. ID Nos. 30 16-23).

II. Formulations and Methods for Administering Therapeutic Agents

The morphogens may be provided to an individual by

5 any suitable means, preferably directly (e.g., locally, as by injection or topical administration to a tissue locus) or systemically (e.g., parenterally or orally). Where the morphogen is to be provided parenterally, such as by intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular,

10 intraorbital, ophthalmic, intraventricular, intracranial, intracapsular, intraspinal, intracisternal, intraperitoneal, buccal, rectal, vaginal, intranasal or by aerosol administration, the morphogen preferably comprises part of an aqueous

15 solution. The solution is physiologically acceptable so that in addition to delivery of the desired morphogen to the patient, the solution does not otherwise adversely affect the patient's electrolyte and volume balance. The aqueous medium for the

20 morphogen thus may comprise normal physiologic saline (9.85% NaCl, 0.15M), pH 7-7.4. The aqueous solution containing the morphogen can be made, for example, by dissolving the protein in 50% ethanol containing acetonitrile in 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) or 0.1%

25 HCl, or equivalent solvents. One volume of the resultant solution then is added, for example, to ten volumes of phosphate buffered saline (PBS), which further may include 0.1-0.2% human serum albumin (HSA). The resultant solution preferably is vortexed

30 extensively. If desired, a given morphogen may be made more soluble by association with a suitable molecule. For example, association of the mature dimer with the pro domain of the morphogen keeps the morphogen soluble in physiological buffers. In fact, the endogenous

35 protein is thought to be transported in this form.

Another molecule capable of enhancing solubility and particularly useful for oral administrations, is casein. For example, addition of 0.2% casein increases solubility of the mature active form of OP-1 by 80%.

- 5 Other components found in milk and/or various serum proteins also may be useful.

Useful solutions for parenteral administration may be prepared by any of the methods well known in the pharmaceutical art, described, for example, in 10 Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences (Gennaro, A., ed.), Mack Pub., 1990. Formulations may include, for example, polyalkylene glycols such as polyethylene glycol, oils of vegetable origin, hydrogenated 15 naphthalenes, and the like. Formulations for direct administration, in particular, may include glycerol and other compositions of high viscosity to help maintain the morphogen at the desired locus. Biocompatible, preferably bioresorbable, polymers, including, for 20 example, hyaluronic acid, collagen, tricalcium phosphate, polybutyrate, lactide and glycolide polymers, and lactide/glycolide copolymers, may be useful excipients to control the release of the morphogen in vivo. Other potentially useful parenteral 25 delivery systems for these morphogens include ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer particles, osmotic pumps, implantable infusion systems, and liposomes. Formulations for inhalation administration contain as excipients, for example, lactose, or may be aqueous 30 solutions containing, for example, polyoxyethylene-9-lauryl ether, glycocholate and deoxycholate, or oily solutions for administration in the form of nasal drops, or as a gel to be applied intranasally.

Formulations for parenteral administration may also include glycocholate for buccal administration, methoxysalicylate for rectal administration, or cutric acid for vaginal administration.

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Suppositories for rectal administration also may be prepared by mixing the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent with a non-irritating excipient such as cocoa butter or other compositions which are solid 10 at room temperature and liquid at body temperatures.

Formulations for topical administration to the skin surface may be prepared by dispersing the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent with a dermally acceptable 15 carrier such as a lotion, cream, ointment or soap. Particularly useful are carriers capable of forming a film or layer over the skin to localize application and inhibit removal. For topical administration to internal tissue surfaces, the morphogen may be 20 dispersed in a liquid tissue adhesive or other substance known to enhance adsorption to a tissue surface. For example, hydroxypropylcellulose or fibrinogen/thrombin solutions may be used to advantage. Alternatively, tissue-coating solutions, such as 25 pectin-containing formulations, may be used.

Alternatively, the morphogens described herein may be administered orally. Oral administration of proteins as therapeutics generally is not practiced as 30 most proteins are readily degraded by digestive enzymes and acids in the mammalian digestive system before they can be absorbed into the bloodstream. However, the morphogens described herein typically are acid stable and protease-resistant (see, for example, U.S. Pat.No. 35 4,968,590.) In addition, at least one morphogen, OP-1,

has been identified in mammary gland extract, colostrum and 57-day milk. Moreover, the OP-1 purified from mammary gland extract is morphogenically active. Specifically, this protein induces endochondral bone formation in mammals when implanted subcutaneously in association with a suitable matrix material, using a standard in vivo bone assay, such as is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,968,590. Moreover, the morphogen also is detected in the bloodstream. Finally, soluble form morphogen, e.g., mature morphogen associated with the pro domain, is morphogenically active. These findings indicate that oral and parenteral administration are viable means for administering morphogens to an individual. In addition, while the mature forms of certain morphogens described herein typically are sparingly soluble, the morphogen form found in milk (and mammary gland extract and colostrum) is readily soluble, probably by association of the mature, morphogenically active form with part or all of the pro domain of the intact sequence and/or by association with one or more milk components. Accordingly, the compounds provided herein also may be associated with molecules capable of enhancing their solubility in vitro or in vivo.

Where the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent comprises part of a tissue or organ preservation solution, any commercially available preservation solution may be used to advantage. For example, useful solutions known in the art include Collins solution, Wisconsin solution, Belzer solution, Eurocollins solution and lactated Ringer's solution. Generally, an organ preservation solution usually possesses one or more of the following properties: (a) an osmotic pressure substantially equal to that of the inside of a

- mammalian cell, (solutions typically are hyperosmolar and have K⁺ and/or Mg⁺⁺ ions present in an amount sufficient to produce an osmotic pressure slightly higher than the inside of a mammalian cell; (b) the
- 5 solution typically is capable of maintaining substantially normal ATP levels in the cells; and (c) the solution usually allows optimum maintenance of glucose metabolism in the cells. Organ preservation solutions also may contain anticoagulants, energy
- 10 sources such as glucose, fructose and other sugars, metabolites, heavy metal chelators, glycerol and other materials of high viscosity to enhance survival at low temperatures, free oxygen radical inhibiting agents and a pH indicator. A detailed description of
- 15 preservation solutions and useful components may be found, for example, in US Patent No. 5,002,965, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.
- 20 The compounds provided herein also may be associated with molecules capable of targeting the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent to the desired tissue. For example, an antibody, antibody fragment, or other binding protein that interacts specifically
- 25 with a surface molecule on cells of the desired tissue, may be used. Useful targeting molecules may be designed, for example, using the single chain binding site technology disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. No. 5,091,513.
- 30 As described above, the morphogens provided herein share significant sequence homology in the C-terminal active domains. By contrast, the sequences typically diverge significantly in the sequences which define the
- 35 pro domain. Accordingly, the pro domain is thought to

be morphogen-specific. As described above, it is also known that the various morphogens identified to date are differentially expressed in the different tissues. Accordingly, without being limited to any given theory, 5 it is likely that, under natural conditions in the body, selected morphogens typically act on a given tissue. Accordingly, part or all of the pro domains which have been identified associated with the active form of the morphogen in solution, may serve as 10 targeting molecules for the morphogens described herein. For example, the pro domains may interact specifically with one or more molecules at the target tissue to direct the morphogen associated with the pro domain to that tissue. Accordingly, another useful 15 targeting molecule for targeting morphogen to a tissue of interest is part or all of a morphogen pro domain. For example, part or all of the pro domain of GDF-1 may be used to target a morphogen to nerve tissue. Alternatively, part or all of the pro domain of OP-1 or 20 CBMP2 may be used to target a morphogen to bone tissue, both of which proteins are found naturally associated with bone tissue.

The morphogens described herein are useful for 25 providing neuroprotective effects to alleviate neural pathway damage associated with the body's immune/inflammatory response to an initial injury to nerve tissue. As used herein, a "neural pathway" describes a nerve circuit for the passage of electric 30 signals from a source to a target cell site and includes both the central nervous system (CNS) and peripheral nervous system (PNS). The pathway includes the neurons through which the electric impulse is transported, including groups of interconnecting 35 neurons, the nerve fibers formed by bundled neuronal

axons, and the glial cells surrounding and associated with the neurons. An inflammatory response to nerve tissue injury may follow trauma to nerve tissue, caused, for example, by an autoimmune (including 5 autoantibody) dysfunction, neoplastic lesion, infection, chemical or mechanical trauma, or other disease. An exemplary nerve-related inflammatory disease is multiple sclerosis. Neural pathway damage also can result from a reduction or interruption, e.g., 10 occlusion, of a neural blood supply, as in an embolic stroke, (e.g., ischemia or hypoxia-induced injury), or by other trauma to the nerve or surrounding material. In addition, at least part of the damage associated with a number of primary brain tumors also appears to 15 be immunologically related. Application of the morphogen directly to the cells to be treated, or providing the morphogen to the mammal systemically, for example, intravenously or indirectly by oral administration, may be used to alleviate and/or inhibit 20 the immunologically related response to a neural injury. Alternatively, administration of an agent capable of stimulating morphogen expression and/or secretion in vivo, preferably at the site of injury, also may be used. Where the injury is to be induced, 25 as during surgery or other aggressive clinical treatment, the morphogen or agent may be provided prior to induction of the injury to provide a neuroprotective effect to the nerve tissue at risk.

30 Where the morphogen is intended for use as a therapeutic to alleviate tissue damage associated with an immune/inflammatory condition of the CNS, an additional problem must be addressed: overcoming the so-called "blood-brain barrier", the brain capillary 35 wall structure that effectively screens out all but

selected categories of molecules present in the blood, preventing their passage into the brain. The blood-brain barrier may be bypassed effectively by direct infusion of the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent into the brain. Alternatively, the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent may be modified to enhance its transport across the blood-brain barrier. For example, truncated forms of the morphogen or a morphogen-stimulating agent may be most successful. Alternatively, the morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent may be modified to render it more lipophilic, or it may be conjugated to another molecule which is naturally transported across the barrier, using standard means known to those skilled in the art, as, for example, described in Pardridge, Endocrine Reviews 7:314-330 (1986) and U.S. Pat. No. 4,801,575.

Finally, the morphogens or morphogen-stimulating agents provided herein may be administered alone or in combination with other molecules known to be beneficial in the treatment compositions and methods described herein, including, but not limited to anticoagulants, free oxygen radical inhibiting agents, salicylic acid, vitamin D, and other antiinflammatory agents. Psoriasis treatments also may include ultra-violet light treatment, zinc oxide and retinoids.

The compounds provided herein can be formulated into pharmaceutical compositions by admixture with pharmaceutically acceptable nontoxic excipients and carriers. As noted above, such compositions may be prepared for parenteral administration, particularly in

the form of liquid solutions or suspensions; for oral administration, particularly in the form of tablets or capsules; or intranasally, particularly in the form of powders, nasal drops, or aerosols.

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- The compositions can be formulated for parenteral or oral administration to humans or other mammals in therapeutically effective amounts, e.g., amounts which provide appropriate concentrations for a time sufficient to alleviate the tissue destructive effects associated with the inflammatory response, including protecting tissue in anticipation of tissue damage.

As will be appreciated by those skilled in the art, the concentration of the compounds described in a therapeutic composition will vary depending upon a number of factors, including the dosage of the drug to be administered, the chemical characteristics (e.g., hydrophobicity) of the compounds employed, and the route of administration. The preferred dosage of drug to be administered also is likely to depend on such variables as the type and extent of progression of the tissue damage, the overall health status of the particular patient, the relative biological efficacy of the compound selected, the formulation of the compound excipients, and its route of administration. In general terms, the compounds of this invention may be provided in an aqueous physiological buffer solution containing about 0.001% to 10% w/v compound for parenteral administration. Typical dose ranges are from about 10 ng/kg to about 1 g/kg of body weight per day; a preferred dose range is from about 0.1 μ g/kg to 100 mg/kg of body weight per day. Optimally, the morphogen dosage given is between 0.1-100 μ g of protein per kilogram weight of the patient. No obvious

morphogen induced pathological lesions are induced when mature morphogen (e.g., OP-1, 20 μ g) is administered daily to normal growing rats for 21 consecutive days. Moreover, 10 μ g systemic injections of morphogen (e.g., 5 OP-1) injected daily for 10 days into normal newborn mice does not produce any gross abnormalities.

In administering morphogens systemically in the methods of the present invention, preferably a large 10 volume loading dose is used at the start of the treatment. The treatment then is continued with a maintenance dose. Further administration then can be determined by monitoring at intervals the levels of the morphogen in the blood.

15 Where tissue injury is induced deliberately as part of, for example, a surgical procedure, the morphogen preferably is provided just prior to, or concomitant with induction of the trauma. Preferably, the morphogen 20 is administered prophylactically in a surgical setting.

Alternatively, an effective amount of an agent capable of stimulating endogenous morphogen levels may be administered by any of the routes described above. For example, an agent capable of stimulating morphogen 25 production and/or secretion from cells of affected tissue and/or transplant tissue may be provided to a mammal, e.g., by direct administration of the agent to the tissue to be treated. A method for identifying and testing agents capable of modulating the levels of 30 endogenous morphogens in a given tissue is described generally herein in Example 15, and in detail in copending USSN 752,859, filed August 30, 1991, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Briefly, candidate compounds can be

identified and tested by incubating the compound in vitro with a test tissue or cells thereof, for a time sufficient to allow the compound to affect the production, i.e., the expression and/or secretion, of a morphogen produced by the cells of that tissue.

For purposes of the present invention, the above-described morphogens effective in alleviating tissue damage associated with ischemic-reperfusion injury (or 10 the agents that stimulate them, referred to collectively herein as "therapeutic agent") are administered prior to or during the restoration of oxygen (e.g., restoration of blood flow, reperfusion.) Where treatment is to follow an existing injury, the 15 therapeutic agent preferably is administered as an intravenous infusion provided acutely after the hypoxic or ischemic condition occurs. For example, the therapeutic agent can be administered by intravenous infusion immediately after a cerebral infarction, a 20 myocardial infarction, asphyxia, or a cardiopulmonary arrest. Where ischemia or hypoxia injury is deliberately and/or unavoidably induced as part of, for example, a surgical procedure where circulation to an organ or organ system is deliberately and/or 25 transiently interrupted, e.g., in carotid endarterectomy, coronary artery bypass, grafting, organ transplanting, fibrinolytic therapy, etc., the therapeutic agent preferably is provided just prior to, or concomitant with, reduction of oxygen to the tissue. Preferably, 30 the morphogen is administered prophylactically in a surgical setting.

Similarly, where hyperoxia-induced injury already has occurred, the morphogen is administered upon 35 diagnosis. Where hyperoxia injury may be induced as,

for example, during treatment of prematurely newborn babies, or patients suffering from pulmonary diseases such as emphysema, the therapeutic agent preferably is administered prior to administration of oxygen e.g., 5 prophylactically.

III. Examples

10 Example 1. Identification of Morphogen-Expressing Tissue

Determining the tissue distribution of morphogens may be used to identify different morphogens expressed 15 in a given tissue, as well as to identify new, related morphogens. Tissue distribution also may be used to identify useful morphogen-producing tissue for use in screening and identifying candidate morphogen-stimulating agents. The morphogens (or their mRNA 20 transcripts) readily are identified in different tissues using standard methodologies and minor modifications thereof in tissues where expression may be low. For example, protein distribution may be determined using standard Western blot analysis or 25 immunofluorescent techniques, and antibodies specific to the morphogen or morphogens of interest. Similarly, the distribution of morphogen transcripts may be determined using standard Northern hybridization protocols and transcript-specific probes.

30 Any probe capable of hybridizing specifically to a transcript, and distinguishing the transcript of interest from other, related transcripts may be used. Because the morphogens described herein share such high 35 sequence homology in their active, C-terminal domains,

- the tissue distribution of a specific morphogen transcript may best be determined using a probe specific for the pro region of the immature protein and/or the N-terminal region of the mature protein.
- 5 Another useful sequence is the 3' non-coding region flanking and immediately following the stop codon. These portions of the sequence vary substantially among the morphogens of this invention, and accordingly, are specific for each protein. For example, a particularly
- 10 useful Vgr-1-specific probe sequence is the PvuII-SacI fragment, a 265 bp fragment encoding both a portion of the untranslated pro region and the N-terminus of the mature sequence (see Lyons et al. (1989) PNAS 86:4554-4558 for a description of the cDNA sequence).
- 15 Similarly, particularly useful mOP-1-specific probe sequences are the BstX1-BglI fragment, a 0.68 Kb sequence that covers approximately two-thirds of the mOP-1 pro region; a StuI-StuI fragment, a 0.2 Kb sequence immediately upstream of the 7-cysteine domain;
- 20 and the Ear1-PstI fragment, an 0.3 Kb fragment containing a portion of the 3'untranslated sequence (See Seq. ID No. 18, where the pro region is defined essentially by residues 30-291.) Similar approaches may be used, for example, with hOP-1 (Seq. ID No. 16)
- 25 or human or mouse OP-2 (Seq. ID Nos. 20 and 22.)

Using these morphogen-specific probes, which may be synthetically engineered or obtained from cloned sequences, morphogen transcripts can be identified in

30 mammalian tissue, using standard methodologies well known to those having ordinary skill in the art. Briefly, total RNA is prepared from various adult murine tissues (e.g., liver, kidney, testis, heart, brain, thymus and stomach) by a standard methodology

35 such as by the method of Chomczyaski et al. ((1987)

Anal. Biochem 162:156-159) and described below. Poly (A)+ RNA is prepared by using oligo (dT)-cellulose chromatography (e.g., Type 7, from Pharmacia LKB Biotechnology, Inc.). Poly (A)+ RNA (generally 15 µg) from each tissue is fractionated on a 1% agarose/formaldehyde gel and transferred onto a Nytran membrane (Schleicher & Schuell). Following the transfer, the membrane is baked at 80°C and the RNA is cross-linked under UV light (generally 30 seconds at 1 mW/cm²). Prior to hybridization, the appropriate probe is denatured by heating. The hybridization is carried out in a lucite cylinder rotating in a roller bottle apparatus at approximately 1 rev/min for approximately 15 hours at 37°C using a hybridization mix of 40% formamide, 5 x Denhardts, 5 x SSPE, and 0.1% SDS. Following hybridization, the non-specific counts are washed off the filters in 0.1 x SSPE, 0.1% SDS at 50°C.

Examples demonstrating the tissue distribution of various morphogens, including Vgr-1, OP-1, BMP2, BMP3, BMP4, BMP5, GDF-1, and OP-2 in developing and adult tissue are disclosed in co-pending USSN 752,764, and in Ozkaynak, et al., (1991) Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 179:116-123, and Ozkaynak, et al. (1992) (JBC, in press), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. Using the general probing methodology described herein, northern blot hybridizations using probes specific for these morphogens to probe brain, spleen, lung, heart, liver and kidney tissue indicate that kidney-related tissue appears to be the primary expression source for OP-1, with brain, heart and lung tissues being secondary sources. OP-1 mRNA also was identified in salivary glands, specifically rat parotid glands, using this probing methodology. Lung tissue appears to be the

primary tissue expression source for Vgr-1, BMP5, BMP4 and BMP3. Lower levels of Vgr-1 also are seen in kidney and heart tissue, while the liver appears to be a secondary expression source for BMP5, and the spleen

5 appears to be a secondary expression source for BMP4. GDF-1 appears to be expressed primarily in brain tissue. To date, OP-2 appears to be expressed primarily in early embryonic tissue. Specifically, northern blots of murine embryos and 6-day post-natal

10 animals shows abundant OP2 expression in 8-day embryos. Expression is reduced significantly in 17-day embryos and is not detected in post-natal animals.

Example 2. Active Morphogens in Body Fluids

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OP-1 expression has been identified in saliva (specifically, the rat parotid gland, see Example 1), human blood serum, and various milk forms, including mammary gland extract, colostrum, and 57-day bovine milk. Moreover, and as described in USSN 923,780, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, the body fluid-extracted protein is morphogenically active. The discovery that the morphogen naturally is present in milk and saliva, together with the known observation that mature, active OP-1 is acid-stable and protease-resistant, indicate that oral administration is a useful route for therapeutic administration of morphogen to a mammal. Oral administration typically is the preferred mode of delivery for extended or prophylactic therapies. In addition, the identification of morphogen in all milk forms, including colostrum, suggests that the protein may play a significant role in tissue development, including skeletal development, of juveniles.

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2.1 Morphogen Detection in Milk

OP-1 was partially purified from rat mammary gland extract and bovine colostrum and 57 day milk by passing these fluids over a series of chromatography columns: (e.g., cation-exchange, affinity and reverse phase). At each step the eluant was collected in fractions and these were tested for the presence of OP-1 by standard immunoblot. Immunoreactive fractions then were combined and purified further. The final, partially purified product then was examined for the presence of OP-1 by Western blot analysis using OP-1-specific antisera, and tested for in vivo and in vitro activity.

OP-1 purified from the different milk sources were characterized by Western blotting using antibodies raised against OP-1 and BMP2. Antibodies were prepared using standard immunology protocols well known in the art, and as described generally in Example 15, below, using full-length E. coli-produced OP-1 and BMP2 as the immunogens. In all cases, the purified OP-1 reacted only with the anti-OP-1 antibody, and not with anti-BMP2 antibody.

The morphogenic activity of OP-1 purified from mammary gland extract was evaluated in vivo essentially following the rat model assay described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,968,590, hereby incorporated by reference. Briefly, a sample was prepared from each OP-1 immunoreactive fraction of the mammary gland extract-derived OP-1 final product by lyophilizing a portion (33%) of the fraction and resuspending the protein in 220 μ l of 50% acetonitrile/0.1% TFA. After vortexing, 25 mg of collagen matrix was added. The samples were lyophilized overnight, and implanted in

Long Evans rats (Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA, 28-35 days old). Each fraction was implanted in duplicate. For details of the collagen matrix implantation procedure, see, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 4,968,590, hereby incorporated by reference. After 12 days, the implants were removed and evaluated for new bone formation by histological observation as described in U.S. Patent No. 4,968,590. In all cases, the immunoreactive fractions were osteogenically active.

2.2 Morphogen Detection in Serum

Morphogen may be detected in serum using morphogen-specific antibodies. The assay may be performed using any standard immunoassay, such as Western blot (immunoblot) and the like. Preferably, the assay is performed using an affinity column to which the morphogen-specific antibody is bound and through which the sample serum then is poured, to selectively extract the morphogen of interest. The morphogen then is eluted. A suitable elution buffer may be determined empirically by determining appropriate binding and elution conditions first with a control (e.g., purified, recombinantly-produced morphogen.) Fractions then are tested for the presence of the morphogen by standard immunoblot, and the results confirmed by N-terminal sequencing. Preferably, the affinity column is prepared using monoclonal antibodies. Morphogen concentrations in serum or other fluid samples then may be determined using standard protein quantification techniques, including by spectrophotometric absorbance or by quantitation of conjugated antibody.

Presented below is a sample protocol for identifying OP-1 in serum. Following this general methodology other morphogens may be detected in body fluids, including serum. The identification of 5 morphogen in serum further indicates that systemic administration is a suitable means for providing therapeutic concentrations of a morphogen to an individual, and that morphogens likely behave systemically as endocrine-like factors. Finally, using 10 this protocol, fluctuations in endogenous morphogen levels can be detected, and these altered levels may be used as an indicator of tissue dysfunction. Alternatively, fluctuations in morphogen levels may be assessed by monitoring morphogen transcription levels, 15 either by standard northern blot analysis as described in Example 1, or by in situ hybridization, using a labelled probe capable of hybridizing specifically to morphogen mRNA, and standard RNA hybridization protocols well described in the art and described 20 generally in Example 1.

OP-1 was detected in human serum using the following assay. A monoclonal antibody raised against 25 mammalian, recombinantly produced OP-1 using standard immunology techniques well described in the art and described generally in Example 15, was immobilized by passing the antibody over an agarose-activated gel (e.g., Affi-Gel™, from Bio-Rad Laboratories, Richmond, CA, prepared following manufacturer's instructions) and 30 used to purify OP-1 from serum. Human serum then was passed over the column and eluted with 3M K-thiocyanate. K-thiocyanante fractions then were 35 dialyzed in 6M urea, 20mM PO₄, pH 7.0, applied to a C8 HPLC column, and eluted with a 20 minute, 25-50% acetonitrile/0.1% TFA gradient. Mature, recombinantly

produced OP-1 homodimers elute between 20-22 minutes. Fractions then were collected and tested for the presence of OP-1 by standard immunoblot using an OP-1 specific antibody as for Example 2.A.

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Administered or endogenous morphogen levels may be monitored in the therapies described herein by comparing the quantity of morphogen present in a body fluid sample with a predetermined reference value, for example, to evaluate the efficiency of a therapeutic protocol, and the like. In addition, fluctuations in the level of endogenous morphogen antibodies may be detected by this method, most likely in serum, using an antibody or other binding protein capable of interacting specifically with the endogenous morphogen antibody. Detected fluctuations in the levels of the morphogen or endogenous antibody may be used, for example, as indicators of a change in tissue status. For example, as damaged tissue is regenerated and the tissue or organ's function returns to "normal" and, in the absence of additional tissue damage, lower doses of morphogen may be required, and a higher level of circulating morphogen antibody may be measured.

25 Example 3. Effect of Morphogen after the Onset of
the Ischemic Process

The cardioprotective effect of morphogens following ischemic-reperfusion injury in a mammal can readily be assessed in a rat model. In this example, morphogen (e.g., OP-1) is administered just prior to the onset of the ischemic process in experimentally-induced myocardial infarcted rats, essentially following the method of Lefer, et al. (1990) Science 249:61-64 and (1992) J. Mol. Cell. Cardiol. 24: 385-393, the

disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference. Briefly, loss of myocardial tissue function following ischemia and reperfusion is assayed by measuring loss of myocardial creatine kinase activity (CK) and loss of endothelium-dependent vasorelaxation function (see Example 4, below).

In a first group of ether-anesthetized rats, the left coronary artery was occluded just proximal to the first main branch with a silk ligature to induce a myocardial infarction (MI). The ligature was removed 10 minutes after occlusion to allow for coronary reperfusion. This first group is referred to herein as the "myocardial infarcted" (MI) group. A second group of rats underwent the same procedure except that the coronary artery was not occluded, and thus no myocardial infarction occurred. The second group of rats is referred to herein as the "sham myocardial infarcted group" (SHAM MI).

The first group of rats, the MI group of rats, further was divided into three sub-groups. 2 μ g of morphogen (OP-1) were injected intravenously into the first sub-group of MI rats 10 minutes after ligature, immediately before reperfusion; into the second sub-group of MI rats 20 μ g of OP-1 were injected intravenously 10 minutes after ligature and immediately before reperfusion; and into the third sub-group of MI rats (control) was injected vehicle only, e.g., 0.9% NaCl, as for the OP-1 treated rats.

Twenty-four hours later, the hearts were removed from all of the rats and the levels of creatine kinase (CK) from the left ventricle (the infarcted region) and from the interventricular septum (the control

nonischemic region) were determined by standard means. By comparing the difference in CK activities in both regions, the amount of CK activity lost from the infarcted region was used as an index of cardiac 5 cellular injury to the infarcted region.

As shown in Figure 1, the data indicate that morphogens (e.g., OP-1) can provide significant cardioprotective effect when provided to ischemic 10 tissue. In the figure, CK loss is graphed as the difference in specific CK activity between the interventricular septum and the left ventricle.

The loss of CK activity by the subgroup of MI rats 15 which received 2 μ g of OP-1 just before reperfusion showed some protection as compared with the control MI rats which received injections of vehicle alone, when the levels from both subgroups are measured against, and compared to, the levels obtained for the SHAM MI 20 control. Significant cardioprotection was observed in the subgroup of MI rats which received 20 μ g of OP-1 immediately before reperfusion as compared with the control MI rats which received injections of vehicle alone, when the levels from both subgroups are measured 25 against, and compared to, the levels contained within the SHAM MI control.

These data indicate that OP-1 offers significant cardiac protection when administered after ischemia and 30 before reperfusion.

A variation of this example also may be performed providing morphogen to the animal prior to induction of ischemia. The experiments may be performed both in normal and immune-compromised rats to assess the 5 cardioprotective effects of morphogen administered prior to ischemia.

Example 4. Vasodilation of Myocardial Infarcted Cardiac Tissue Treated with Morphogen

10 Certain vasodilators like acetylcholine (ACh) and adenosine diphosphate (ADP, an immune mediator) exert their vasodilation activity only in the presence of intact endothelium, which is stimulated to release a 15 substance termed endothelium-derived relaxing factor (EDRF). If the endothelium is injured so that EDRF is not released, no vasodilation occurs in response to these endothelium-dependent agents. In contrast, several other vasodilators including nitroglycerine 20 (NTG) and nitroprusside, are endothelium-independent dilators, as they dilate blood vessels directly.

The present example demonstrates the ability of OP-1 to prevent the loss of cardioendothelium-dependent 25 relaxation (EDR) activity in the coronary microvasculature following reperfusion of ischemic myocardium, and their ability to reduce myocardial injury 24 hours after morphogen treatment. Briefly, 2 or 24 hours after morphogen treatment ischemia- 30 reperfusion injury is induced in isolated rat hearts, the reperfused hearts are vasodilated with either ACh or NTG. In the absence of morphogen treatment, injured tissue should inhibit ACh-induced vasodilation, but not NTG-induced vasodilation. Morphogen treatment 35 is expected to enhance ACh-induced vasodilation in the reperfused hearts.

Accordingly, 48 adult male Sprague-Dawley rats (250-330 g) were divided into eight groups of 6 rats each. Twelve rats were subjected to sham myocardial infarcts (SHAM MI) as described in Example 3. The 5 hearts of the remaining 36 rats were isolated as follows: one set of twelve rats was injected intravenously with OP-1 24 hours prior to isolation of the heart; another set of rats was injected intravenously with 20 μ g of OP-1 2 hours prior to 10 isolation of the heart; the final group of rats was injected with vehicle only (e.g., 0.9% NaCl.). The rats then were anesthetized with pentobarbital sodium (35 mg/kg, intraperitoneal); their hearts were isolated and perfused by the Langendorff method at a constant 15 flow (15 ml/min) with oxygenated Krebs-Henseleit solution (Aoki et al. (1988) J. Pharmacol. 95:35).

Each group of rats then were divided into two subgroups of six rats each. Twenty minutes before reperfusion, coronary vasodilator response was measured 20 by inducing constriction with 0.05 μ mol U-44619 (9,11-methanoepoxyprostaglandin H₂) followed by a vasodilating agent 3 minutes later: subgroup one - 15 nmol ACh; subgroup 2 - 15 nmol NTG and the increase in coronary perfusion pressure (CPP) level measured as 25 an indication of vasodilation. When CPP levels returned to normal, the hearts were subjected to ischemia by reducing coronary infusion to 15% of control flow for 30 minutes, then reestablishing normal flow, i.e., reperfusion, for an additional 20 minutes.

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The vasodilator response then was remeasured by constriction and administration of vasodilating agent as described above.

The results of these experiments are shown in FIG 2. Before the ischemic event, both Ach and NTG gave normal vasorelaxant results in all events. The hearts which received OP-1 24 hours prior to ischemia showed 5 an approximately 70% response to ACh while the hearts which received OP-1 2 hours prior to ischemia showed a 55% response to ACh. The group which received vehicle alone showed a 40% response to ACh. Finally, the control group which was not subjected to ischemia 10 showed an ACh response of approximately 95%. This shows that endothelium-dependent vasodilators exert a reduced vasodilator response following ischemia and reperfusion in the rat heart. Moreover, OP-1 significantly preserved endothelium-dependent dilation 15 when provided 24 hours prior to induction of myocardial ischemia. No defect in vasodilation occurred in response to the direct vasodilator (NTG); NTG-induced vasodilation activities were 95% of initial in hearts subject to ischemia and 100% of initial nonischemic 20 hearts.

Example 5. Effect of Morphogen on Neutrophil Adherence

The role of neutrophil adherence in endothelium 25 dysfunction and the cardioprotective effects of morphogens in modulating this activity can be assessed using a standard polymorphonuclear neutrophil (PMN) adherence assay such as described in Lefer et al., 30 (1992) J. Mol. Cell. Cardiol. 24: 385-393, disclosed hereinabove by reference. Briefly, segments of superior mesenteric artery were isolated from rats 35 which had either been treated with morphogen (OP-1, 20 µg) or 0.9% NaCl, 24 h prior to isolation of the artery. The segments were cleaned, cut into transverse rings of 1-2mm in length, and these were subsequently

cut open and incubated in K-H solution at 37°C, pH 7.4. Neutrophils were prepared and fluorescently labelled using standard procedures (e.g., leukocytes were isolated from rats essentially following the procedure 5 of Pertroft et. al. (1968) Exp Cell Res 50: 355-368, washed in phosphate buffered saline (PBS), purified by gradient centrifugation; and labelled by the method of Yuan et. al. (1990) Microvasc Res 40: 218-229..

10 Labelled neutrophils then were added to open ring baths and activated with 100nM leukotriene B₄ (LTB₄). Rings were incubated for 20 minutes and the number of neutrophils adhering to the endothelial surface then determined visually by fluorescent microscopy.

15 As shown in Figure 3, unstimulated PMNs (i.e., PMNs alone) added to the baths did not significantly adhere to the vascular endothelium. In rings taken from rats injected with 0.9% NaCl, activation of neutrophils with 20 LTB₄ (100 nM) greatly increased the number of PMNs adherent to the endothelium ($P<0.001$). OP-1 (20 μ g administered 24 h prior) significantly inhibited adherence of PMNs activated by LTB₄ ($P<0.01$ from control).

25 Example 6. In Vivo Models for Ischemic-Reperfusion Protection in Lung, Nerve and Renal Tissue.

30 Other tissues seriously affected by ischemic-reperfusion injury include neural tissue, renal tissue and lung tissue. The effect of morphogens on alleviating the ischemic-reperfusion injury in these tissues may be assessed using methodologies and models 35 known to those skilled in the art, and disclosed below.

Similarly, a methodology also is provided for assessing the tissue-protective effects of a morphogen on damaged lung tissue following hyperoxia injury.

- 5 For example, the rabbit embolic stroke model provides a useful method for assessing the effect of morphogens on tissue injury following cerebral ischemia-reperfusion. The protocol disclosed below is essentially that of Phillips et al. (1989) Annals of
10 Neurology 25:281-285, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference. Briefly, white New England rabbits (2-3kg) are anesthetized and placed on a respirator. The intracranial circulation then is selectively catheterized by the Seldinger technique.
15 Baseline cerebral angiography then is performed, employing a digital substration unit. The distal internal carotid artery or its branches then is selectively embolized with 0.035 ml of 18-hour-aged autologous thrombus. Arterial occlusion is documented
20 by repeat angiography immediately after embolization. After a time sufficient to induce cerebral infarcts (15 minutes or 90 minutes), reperfusion is induced by administering a bolus of a reperfusion agent such as the TPA analogue Fb-FB-CF (e.g., 0.8 mg/kg over 2
25 minutes).

The effect of morphogen on cerebral infarcts can be assessed by administering varying concentrations of morphogens, e.g., OP1, at different times preceding or following embolization and/or reperfusion. The rabbits are sacrificed 3-14 days post embolization and their brains prepared for neuropathological examination by fixing by immersion in 10% neutral buffered formalin

for at least 2 weeks. The brains then are sectioned in a coronal plane at 2-3 mm intervals, numbered and submitted for standard histological processing in paraffin, and the degree of neutral tissue necrosis

5 determined visually.

The renal-protective effects of morphogens on renal ischemia-reperfusion injury readily can be assessed using the mouse model disclosed by Ouellette, et al.

10 (1990), J. Clin. Invest. 85:766-771, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. Briefly, renal ischemia is induced surgically in 35-45 days old out-bred Swiss male mice by performing a standard right nephrectomy, and occluding the artery to the left

15 kidney with a microaneurism clamp for 10-30 minutes. Morphogen then may be provided parentally, at various times prior to or following occlusion and/or reperfusion. The effects of morphogen then may be assessed by biological evaluation and histological

20 evaluation using standard techniques well known in the art.

The tissue protective effects of morphogen on tissue exposed to lethally high oxygen concentrations

25 may be assessed by the following procedure. Adult rats (275-300 gms) first are provided with morphogen (e.g., hOP1) or vehicle only, and then are exposed to 96-98% oxygen essentially as described by Rinaldo et al (1983) Am. Rev. Respir. Dis. 130:1065, to induce hyperoxia.

30 Animals are housed in plastic cages (38 cm x 48 xm x 21 cm). A cage containing 4-5 animals is placed in a 75 liter water-sealed plexiglass chamber. An atmosphere of 96-98% oxygen then is maintained by delivery of O_2 gas (liquid O_2). Gas flow through the chamber is

35 adjusted to maintain at least 10 air changes/hr.,

temperature at $22 \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$, minimal levels of condensation within the cage, and carbon dioxide concentration of < 0.5% as measured with a mass spectrophotometric medical gas analyzer.

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At the end of 72 hours all survivors are observed at room air for 1.5 hours and at longer time periods to assess degree of respiratory distress and cyanosis induced by the initial insult and subsequent immune cell-mediated damage. The number of survivors at the end of the challenge is recorded and the treated groups compared with the untreated control group by chi-square test of proportions. Several of the surviving animals for each group are randomly chosen for histological processing of lung tissue.

Lung tissue for histological processing is fixed by infusion of 10% buffered formalin through a tracheal cannula at a constant pressure of 20 cm H₂O. After fixation for 24-48 hours, sections from each lobe are cut and subsequently stained with hematoxylin and eosin. Coded slides then are examined, preferably in a double-blind fashion for evidence of pathological changes such as edema, interstitial cellularity, and inflammatory response.

Example 7. Morphogen Inhibition of Cellular and Humoral Inflammatory Response

30 Morphogens described herein inhibit multinucleation of mononuclear phagocytic cells under conditions where these cells normally would be activated, e.g., in response to a tissue injury or the presence of a foreign substance. For example, in the absence of 35 morphogen, an implanted substrate material (e.g.,

- implanted subcutaneously) composed of, for example, mineralized bone, a ceramic such as titanium oxide or any other substrate that provokes multinucleated giant cell formation, rapidly becomes surrounded by
- 5 multinucleated giant cells, e.g., activated phagocytes stimulated to respond and destroy the foreign object. In the presence of morphogen however, the recruited cells remain in their mononuclear precursor form and the matrix material is undisturbed. Figure 4
- 10 illustrates this effect of morphogens, in a schematic representation of histology results of a titanium oxide substrate implanted subcutaneously. In the figure, "mg" means mononuclear giant cells and "ob" means osteoblasts. The substrate represented in Fig. 4B was
- 15 implanted together with morphogen (OP-1) and newly formed osteoblasts are evident surrounding the substrate. By contrast, the substrate represented in Fig. 4A was implanted without morphogen and extensive multinucleated giant cell formation is evident
- 20 surrounding the substrate. Accordingly, the morphogens' effect in inhibiting excessive bone mass loss in a mammal also may include inhibiting activation of these cells.
- 25 In addition, the morphogens described herein also suppress antibody production stimulated in response to a foreign antigen in a mammal. Specifically, when bovine bone collagen matrix alone was implanted in a bony site in a rat, a standard antibody response to the
- 30 collagen is stimulated in the rat as determined by standard anti-bovine collagen ELISA experiments performed on blood samples taken at four week intervals following implantation (e.g., between 12 and 20 weeks.) Serum anti-collagen antibody titers, measured by ELISA
- 35 essentially following the procedure described by

Nagler-Anderson et al., (1986) PNAS 83:7443-7446, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference, increased consistently throughout the experiment. However, when the matrix was implanted 5 together with a morphogen (e.g., OP-1, dispersed in the matrix and adsorbed thereto, essentially as described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,968,590) anti-bovine collagen antibody production was suppressed significantly. This ability of morphogen to suppress the humoral response 10 is further evidence of morphogen utility in alleviating tissue damage associated with autoimmune diseases, including autoantibody diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis.

15 Example 8. Morphogen protection of Gastrointestinal Tract Mucosa from Ulceration and Inflammation

Oral mucositis is a gastrointestinal tract 20 inflammatory disease which involves ulcerations of the mouth mucosa as a consequence of, e.g., radiation therapy or chemotherapy. While not typically a chronic disease, the tissue destructive effects of oral mucositis mirror those of chronic inflammatory diseases 25 such as IBD. The example below demonstrates morphogen efficacy in protecting the oral mucosa from oral mucositis in a hamster model, including both inhibiting inflammatory ulceration and enhancing regeneration of ulcerated tissue. Details of the protocol can be found 30 in Sonis, et al., (1990) Oral Surg. Oral Med. Oral Pathol 69: 437-443, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. Based on these data,

the morphogens described herein should be efficacious in treating chronic inflammatory diseases including IBD, arthritis, psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, multiple sclerosis, and the like.

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Golden syrian hamsters (6-8 wks old, Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA) were divided into 3 test groups: Group 1, a placebo (e.g., saline) control, and a morphogen low dose group (100 ng) and a morphogen 10 high dose group (1 µg), Groups 2 and 3, respectively. Morphogen dosages were provided in 30% ethanol. Each group contained 12 animals.

Beginning on day 0 and continuing through day 5, 15 Groups 2 and 3 received twice daily morphogen applications. On day 3, all groups began the mucositis-induction procedure. 5-fluorouracil (60 mg/kg) was injected intraperitoneally on days 3 and 5. On day 7, the right buccal pouch mucosa was 20 superficially irritated with a calibrated 18 gauge needle. In untreated animals, severe ulcerative mucositis was induced in at least 80% of the animals by day 10.

25 For each administration of the vehicle control (placebo) or morphogen, administration was performed by first gently drying the cheek pouch mucosa, then providing an even application over the mucosal surface of the vehicle or morphogen material. A 30 hydroxypropylcellulose-based coating was used to maintain contact of the morphogen with the mucosa. This coating provided at least 4 hours of contact time.

On day 12, two animals in each group were sacrificed for histological studies. The right buccal pouch mucosa and underlying connective tissue were dissected and fixed in 10% formalin using standard dissection and histology procedures. The specimens were mounted in paraffin and prepared for histologic examination. Sections then were stained with hematoxylin and eosin and were examined blindly by three oral pathologists with expertise in hamster histology and scored blind against a standard mucositis panel. The extent of atrophy, cellular infiltration, connective tissue breakdown, degree of ulceration and epithelialization were assessed.

The mean mucositis score for each group was determined daily for each experimental group for a period of 21 days by photography and visual examination of the right buccal cheek pouch. Differences between groups were determined using a standard 't' test, e.g., the Students' 't' test. In addition, data was evaluated between groups by comparing the numbers of animals with severe mucositis using Chi Square statistical analysis. The significance of differences in mean daily weights also was determined.

The experimental results are presented in Fig. 5, which graphs the effect of morphogen (high dose, squares; low dose, diamonds) and placebo (circles) on mean mucositis scores. Both low and high morphogen doses inhibit lesion formation significantly in a dose-dependent manner. In addition, histology results consistently showed significantly reduced amounts of

tissue atrophy, cellular debris, and immune effector cells, including macrophages and activated neutrophils, in the morphogen-treated animals, as compared with the untreated, control animals.

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Example 9. Morphogen Effect on Fibrogenesis and Scar Tissue Formation

The morphogens described herein induce tissue
10 morphogenesis of damaged or lost tissue. The ability of these proteins to regenerate new tissue enhances the anti-inflammatory effect of these proteins. Provided below are a series of in vitro experiments demonstrating the ability of morphogens to induce
15 migration and accumulation of mesenchymal cells. In addition, the experiments demonstrate that morphogens, unlike TGF- β , do not stimulate fibrogenesis or scar tissue formation. Specifically, morphogens do not stimulate production of collagen, hyaluronic acid (HA)
20 or metalloproteinases in primary fibroblasts, all of which are required for fibrogenesis or scar tissue formation. By contrast, TGF- β , a known inducer of fibrosis, but not of tissue morphogenesis, does stimulate production of these fibrosis markers.

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Chemotaxis and migration of mesenchymal progenitor cells were measured in modified Boyden chambers essentially as described by Fava, R.A. et al (1991) J. Exp. Med. 173: 1121-1132, the disclosure of which is
30 incorporated herein by reference, using polycarbonate filters of 2, 3 and 8 micron ports to measure migration of progenitor neutrophils, monocytes and fibroblasts. Chemotaxis was measured over a range of morphogen concentrations, e.g., 10^{-20} M to 10^{-12} M OP-1. For
35 progenitor neutrophils and monocytes, 10^{-18} - 10^{-17} M OP-1

consistently induced maximal migration, and 10^{-14} to
10 $^{-13}$ M OP-1 maximally induced migration of progenitor
fibroblasts. In all cases the chemotactic activity
could be inhibited with anti-OP-1 antibody. Similar
5 migration activities also were measured and observed
with TGF- β .

The effect of morphogen on fibrogenesis was
determined by evaluating fibroblast production of
10 hyaluronic acid (HA), collagen, collagenase and tissue
inhibitor of metalloproteinases (TIMP).

Human fibroblasts were established from explants of
infant foreskins and maintained in monolayer culture
15 using standard culturing procedures. (See, for
example, (1976) J. Exp. Med. 144: 1188-1203.) Briefly,
fibroblasts were grown in maintenance medium consisting
of Eagle's MEM, supplemented with nonessential amino
acids, ascorbic acid (50 μ g/ml), NaHCO₃ and HEPES
20 buffers (pH 7.2), penicillin (100 U/ml), streptomycin
(100 μ g/ml), amphotericin B (1 μ g/ml) and 9% heat
inactivated FCS. Fibroblasts used as target cells to
measure chemotaxis were maintained in 150 mm diameter
glass petri dishes. Fibroblasts used in assays to
25 measure synthesis of collagen, hyaluronic acid,
collagenase and tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases
(TIMP) were grown in 100 mm diameter plastic tissue
culture petri dishes.

30 The effects of morphogen on fibroblast production
of hyaluronic acid, collagens, collagenase and TIMP
were determined by standard assays (See, for example,
Posttethwaite et al. (1989) J. Clin. Invest. 83: 629-
636, Posttethwaite (1988) J. Cell Biol. 106: 311-318
35 and Clark et al (1985) Arch. Bio-chem Biophys. 241: 36-

44, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.) For these assays, fibroblasts were transferred to 24-well tissue culture plates at a density of 8×10^4 cells per well. Fibroblasts were
5 grown confluence in maintenance medium containing 9% FCS for 72 h and then grown in serum-free maintenance medium for 24 h. Medium was then removed from each well and various concentrations of OP-1 (recombinantly produced mature or soluble form) or TGF- β -1 (R&D
10 Systems, Minneapolis) in 50 μ l PBS were added to triplicate wells containing the confluent fibroblast monolayers. For experiments that measured production of collagenase and TIMP, maintenance medium (450 μ l) containing 5% FCS was added to each well, and culture
15 supernatants were harvested from each well 48 h later and stored at -70°C until assayed. For experiments that assessed HA production, maintenance medium (450 μ l) containing 2.5% FCS was added to each well, and cultures grown for 48 h. For experiments that measured
20 fibroblast production of collagens, serum-free maintenance medium (450 μ l) without non-essential amino acids was added to each well and cultures grown for 72 h. Fibroblast production of HA was measured by labeling newly synthesized glycosaminoglycans (GAG)
25 with [3 H]-acetate the last 24 h of culture and quantitating released radioactivity after incubation with hyaluronidase from Streptomyces hyalurolyticus (ICN Biochemicals, Cleveland, OH) which specifically degrades hyaluronic acid. Production of total collagen
30 by fibroblasts was measured using a collagenase-sensitive protein assay that reflects [3 H]-proline incorporation the last 24 h of culture into newly synthesized collagens. Collagenase and TIMP protein levels in fibroblast cultures supernatants was measured
35 by specific ELISAs.

As shown in Fig. 6, OP1 does not stimulate significant collagen or HA production, as compared with TGF- β . In the figure, panel A shows OP-1 effect on collagen production, panel B shows TGF- β effect on collagen production, and panels C and D show OP-1 (panel C) and TGF- β (panel D) effect on HA production. The morphogen results were the same whether the soluble or mature form of OP1 was used. By contrast, the latent form of TGF- β (e.g., pro domain-associated form of TGF- β) was not active.

Example 10. Morphogen Inhibition of Epithelial Cell Proliferation

This example demonstrates the ability of morphogens to inhibit epithelial cell proliferation *in vitro*, as determined by 3 H-thymidine uptake using culture cells from a mink lung epithelial cell line (ATCC No. CCL 64), and standard mammalian cell culturing procedures. Briefly, cells were grown to confluence in Eagle's minimum essential medium (EMEM) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS), 200 units/ml penicillin, and 200 μ g/ml streptomycin, and used to seed a 48-well cell culture plate at a cell density of 200,000 cells per well. When this culture became confluent, the media was replaced with 0.5 ml of EMEM containing 1% FBS and penicillin/streptomycin and the culture incubated for 24 hours at 37 C. Morphogen test samples in EMEM containing 5% FBS then were added to the wells, and the cells incubated for another 18 hours. After incubation, 1.0 μ Ci of 3 H-thymidine in 10 μ l was added to each well, and the cells incubated for four hours at 37 C. The media then was removed and the cells washed once with ice-cold phosphate-buffer saline and DNA precipitated by adding 0.5 ml of 10% TCA to each well.

and incubating at room temperature of 15 minutes. The cells then were washed three times with ice-cold distilled water, lysed with 0.5 ml 0.4 M NaOH, and the lysate from each well then transferred to a scintillation vial and the radioactivity recorded using a scintillation counter (Smith-Kline Beckman).

The results are presented in Table III, below. The anti-proliferative effect of the various morphogens tested was expressed as the counts of ³H-thymidine ($\times 1000$) integrated into DNA, and were compared with untreated cells (negative control) and TGF- β (1 ng), a local-acting factor also known to inhibit epithelial cell proliferation. COP-5 and COP-7 are biosynthetic constructs that previously have been shown to have osteogenic activity, capable of inducing the complete cascade resulting in endochondral bone formation in a standard rat bone assay (see U.S. Pat. No. 5,011,691.) The morphogens significantly inhibit epithelial cell proliferation. Similar experiments, performed with the morphogens COP-16, bOP (bone-purified osteogenic protein, a dimeric protein comprising CBMP2 and OP-1), and recombinant OP-1, also inhibit cell proliferation. bOP and COP-16 also induce endochondral bone formation (see US Pat. No. 4,968,590 and 5,011,691.)

TABLE IIIThymidine uptake ($\times 1000$)

30	control	50.048, 53.692
COP-7-1 (10 ng)		11.874
COP-7-2 (3 ng)		11.136
COP-5-1 (66 ng)		16.094
COP-5-2 (164 ng)		14.43
35	TGF- β (1 ng)	1.86, 1.478

Example 11. Morphogen Treatment of a Systemic Inflammatory Disease

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The following example provides a rat adjuvant-induced arthritis model for demonstrating morphogen efficacy in treating arthritis and other systemic inflammatory diseases. Rat adjuvant-induced arthritis induces a systemic inflammatory disease with bone and cartilage changes similar to those observed in rheumatoid arthritis, but in an accelerated time span (see, for example, Pearson (1964) Arth. Rheum. 7:80). A detailed description of the protocol is provided in Walz, et al., (1971) J. Pharmac. Exp. Ther. 178: 223-231, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Briefly, Sprague-Dawley female rats (e.g., Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA) are randomized into 3 groups: control; morphogen, low dose (e.g., 1-10 µg/kg weight per day) and morphogen, high dose (e.g., 10-20 µg/kg weight per day), referred to as Groups 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

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Adjuvant arthritis is induced in all three groups by injection of 0.05 ml of a suspension of 1.5% dead Mycobacterium butyricum in mineral oil into the subplantar surface of the right hand paw. On Day 18 after adjuvant injection, the limb volumes of both hind limb are determined. In the absence of morphogen treatment, a systemic arthritic condition is induced in adjuvant-injected rats by this time, as determined by significant swelling of the uninjected hind limbs (< 2.3 ml, volume measured by mercury displacement).

Subsequent determinations of paw edema and x-ray scores are made on the uninjected hind limb. Rats in Group 2 and 3 also are dosed orally daily, beginning on Day 1, with morphogen. Limb volumes are recorded on Days 29
5 and 50 after adjuvant injection and edema determined by volume difference compared to Day 18. The uninjected hind limb on each rat is x-rayed on Day 50 and the joint damage assayed on an arbitrary scale of 1 to 10 (1=no damage, 10=maximum damage). Data on differences
10 between control and treated groups (Day 29 edema, Day 50 edema and Day 50 x-ray scores) are analyzed by using a standard "t-test. Morphogen-treated rats show consistently reduced joint damage (e.g., decreased in edema and in x-ray scores) as compared with untreated
15 control rats.

As another, alternative example, Groups 2 and 3 are dosed daily with morphogen beginning on Day 18 and continuing through Day 50 to demonstrate the efficacy
20 of morphogens in arthritic animals.

Example 12. Morphogen Inhibition of Localized Edema

The following example demonstrates morphogen
25 efficacy in inhibiting a localized inflammatory response in a standard rat edema model. Experimental rats (e.g., Long-Evans from Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA) are divided into three groups: Group 1, a negative control, which receives vehicle alone;
30 Group 2, a positive control, to which is administered a well-known characterized anti-inflammatory agent (e.g., indomethacin), and Group 3, to which morphogen is provided.

- Groups 2 and 3 may be further subdivided to test low, medium and high doses (e.g., Group 2: 1.0 mg/kg, 3.0 mg/kg and 9.0 mg/kg indomethacin; Group 3: 0.1-5 μ g; 5-20 μ g, and 20-50 μ g of morphogen). Sixty minutes after 5 indomethacin or morphogen is provided to the rats of Group 2 or 3 (e.g., as by injection into the tail vein, or by oral gavage) inflammation is induced in all rats by a sub-plantar injection of a 1% carrageenin solution (50 μ l) into the right hind paw. Three hours after 10 carrageenin administration paw thickness is measured as an indication of edema (e.g., swelling) and induced inflammatory response to the injected carrageenin solution.
- 15 Significant swelling is evident in untreated rats by three hours after carrageenin injection. Inflammation also is measured by histology by standard means, following euthanasia e.g.: the right hind paw from each animal is removed at the ankle joint and 20 weighed and foot pad tissue is fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin, and slides prepared for visual examination by staining the prepared tissue with hematoxylin and eosin.
- 25 The morphogen-treated rats show substantially reduced edema induction following carrageenin injection as compared with the untreated rats.

Example 13. Morphogen Treatment of Allergic Encephalomyelitis

The following example demonstrates morphogen
5 efficacy in treating experimental allergic
encephalomyelitis (EAE) in a rat. EAE is a
well-characterized animal model for multiple sclerosis,
an autoimmune disease. A detailed description of the
protocol is disclosed in Kuruvilla, et al., (1991) PNAS
10 88:2918-2921, the disclosure of which is incorporated
herein by reference.

Briefly, EAE is induced in rats (e.g., Long-Evans,
Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA) by
15 injection of a CNS tissue (e.g., spinal cord)
homogenate in complete Freund's adjuvant (CFA) on days
-44, -30 and 0 (last day of immunization), by
subcutaneous injection to three sites on the animal's
back. Morphogen is administered daily by
20 interperitoneal injection beginning on day -31.
Preferably, a series of morphogen dose ranges is
evaluated (e.g., low, medium and high) as for
Example 12, above.) Control rats receive morphogen
vehicle only (e.g. 0.9% NaCl or buffered saline). Rats
25 are examined daily for signs of disease and graded on
an increasing severity scale of 0-4.

In the absence of morphogen treatment, significant
neurological dysfunction (e.g., hind and fore limb
30 weakness, progressing to total hind limb paralysis) is
evident by day +7 to +10. Hematology, serum chemistry
profiles and histology are performed to evaluate the

degree of tissue necropsy using standard procedures. Morphogen treatment significantly inhibits the neurological dysfunction normally evident in an EAE animal. In addition, the histopathological markers typically associated with EAE are absent in the morphogen-treated animals.

Example 14. Morphogen Treatment of Collagen-Induced Arthritis

The following example demonstrates the efficacy of morphogens in inhibiting the inflammatory response in a collagen-induced arthritis (CIA) in a rat. CIA is a well-characterized animal model for rheumatoid arthritis, an autoimmune disease. The protocol disclosed is essentially that disclosed in Kuruvilla et al., (1991) PNAS 88:2918-2921, incorporated by reference hereinabove. Briefly, CIA is induced in experimental rats (e.g., Long-Evans, Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington), by multiple intradermal injection of bovine Type II collagen (e.g., 100 μ g) in CFA (0.2 ml) on Day 1. Animals are divided into two groups: Group 1, control animals, which receive vehicle alone, and Group 2: morphogen-treated animals, which, preferably, are subdivided into low, medium and high dose ranges, as described for Example 13, above. Morphogen is administered daily (e.g., by tail vein injection) beginning at different times following collagen injection, e.g., beginning on day 7, 14, 28, 35 and 42. Animals are evaluated visually and paw thickness and body weight is monitored throughout the experiment. Animals are sacrificed on day 60 and the proximal and distal limb joints, and ear, tail and spinal cord prepared for histological evaluation as described for Examples 12 and 13, above. In a

variation of the experiment, morphogen may be administered for prescribed periods, e.g., five day periods, beginning at different times following collagen injection (e.g., on days 0-4, 7-11, 14-18, 28-
5 32.)

In the absence of morphogen treatment, an arthritic condition typically is induced by 30 days post collagen injection. In morphogen-treated animals, CIA is
10 suppressed and the histopathological changes typically evidenced in control CIA-induced animals are absent: e.g., accumulations of activated mononuclear inflammatory cells and fibrous connective tissue. In addition, consistent with the results in Example 7,
15 above, serum anti-collagen antibody titers are suppressed significantly in the morphogen-treated animals.

Example 15. Screening Assay for Candidate Compounds
20 which Alter Endogenous Morphogen Levels

Candidate compound(s) which may be administered to affect the level of a given morphogen may be found using the following screening assay, in which the level
25 of morphogen production by a cell type which produces measurable levels of the morphogen is determined with and without incubating the cell in culture with the compound, in order to assess the effects of the compound on the cell. This can be accomplished by
30 detection of the morphogen either at the protein or RNA level. A more detailed description also may be found in USSN 752,861, incorporated hereinabove by reference.

15.1 Growth of Cells in Culture

Cell cultures of kidney, adrenals, urinary bladder, brain, or other organs, may be prepared as described 5 widely in the literature. For example, kidneys may be explanted from neonatal or new born or young or adult rodents (mouse or rat) and used in organ culture as whole or sliced (1-4 mm) tissues. Primary tissue cultures and established cell lines, also derived from 10 kidney, adrenals, urinary, bladder, brain, mammary, or other tissues may be established in multiwell plates (6 well or 24 well) according to conventional cell culture techniques, and are cultured in the absence or presence of serum for a period of time (1-7 days). Cells may be 15 cultured, for example, in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle medium (Gibco, Long Island, NY) containing serum (e.g., fetal calf serum at 1%-10%, Gibco) or in serum-deprived medium, as desired, or in defined medium (e.g., containing insulin, transferrin, glucose, albumin, or 20 other growth factors).

Samples for testing the level of morphogen production includes culture supernatants or cell lysates, collected periodically and evaluated for OP-1 25 production by immunoblot analysis (Sambrook et al., eds., 1989, Molecular Cloning, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY), or a portion of the cell culture itself, collected periodically and used to prepare polyA+ RNA for RNA analysis. To monitor de 30 novo OP-1 synthesis, some cultures are labeled according to conventional procedures with an ³⁵S-methionine/³⁵S-cysteine mixture for 6-24 hours and then evaluated to OP-1 synthesis by conventional immunoprecipitation methods.

15.2 Determination of Level of Morphogenic Protein

In order to quantitate the production of a morphogenic protein by a cell type, an immunoassay may

- 5 be performed to detect the morphogen using a polyclonal or monoclonal antibody specific for that protein. For example, OP-1 may be detected using a polyclonal antibody specific for OP-1 in an ELISA, as follows.

- 10 1 μ g/100 μ l of affinity-purified polyclonal rabbit IgG specific for OP-1 is added to each well of a 96-well plate and incubated at 37°C for an hour. The wells are washed four times with 0.167M sodium borate buffer with 0.15 M NaCl (BSB), pH 8.2, containing 0.1% Tween 20. To minimize non-specific binding, the wells are blocked by filling completely with 1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) in BSB and incubating for 1 hour at 37°C. The wells are then washed four times with BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20. A 100 μ l aliquot of an appropriate dilution of each of the test samples of cell culture supernatant is added to each well in triplicate and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. After incubation, 100 μ l biotinylated rabbit anti-OP-1 serum (stock solution is about 1 mg/ml and diluted 1:400 in BSB containing 1% BSA before use) is added to each well and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. The wells are then washed four times with BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20. 100 μ l strepavidin-alkaline (Southern Biotechnology Associates, Inc. Birmingham, Alabama, diluted 1:2000 in BSB containing 0.1% Tween 20 before use) is added to each well and incubated at 37°C for 30 min. The plates are washed four times with 0.5M Tris buffered Saline (TBS), pH 7.2. 50 μ l substrate (ELISA Amplification System Kit, Life Technologies, Inc., Bethesda, MD) is added to each well incubated at room temperature for 15

min. Then, 50 μ l amplifier (from the same amplification system kit) is added and incubated for another 15 min at room temperature. The reaction is stopped by the addition of 50 μ l 0.3 M sulphuric acid.

5 The OD at 490 nm of the solution in each well is recorded. To quantitate OP-1 in culture media, a OP-1 standard curve is performed in parallel with the test samples.

10 Polyclonal antibody may be prepared as follows. Each rabbit is given a primary immunization of 100 ug/500 μ l E. coli produced OP-1 monomer (amino acids 328-431 in SEQ ID NO:5) in 0.1% SDS mixed with 500 μ l Complete Freund's Adjuvant. The antigen is injected
15 subcutaneously at multiple sites on the back and flanks of the animal. The rabbit is boosted after a month in the same manner using incomplete Freund's Adjuvant. Test bleeds are taken from the ear vein seven days later. Two additional boosts and test bleeds are
20 performed at monthly intervals until antibody against OP-1 is detected in the serum using an ELISA assay. Then, the rabbit is boosted monthly with 100 μ g of antigen and bled (15 ml per bleed) at days seven and ten after boosting.

25 Monoclonal antibody specific for a given morphogen may be prepared as follows. A mouse is given two injections of E. coli produced OP-1 monomer. The first injection contains 100 μ g of OP-1 in complete Freund's
30 adjuvant and is given subcutaneously. The second injection contains 50 μ g of OP-1 in incomplete adjuvant and is given intraperitoneally. The mouse then receives a total of 230 μ g of OP-1 (amino acids 307-431 in SEQ ID NO:5) in four intraperitoneal injections at
35 various times over an eight month period. One week

- prior to fusion, both mice are boosted intraperitoneally with 100 µg of OP-1 (307-431) and 30 µg of the N-terminal peptide ($\text{Ser}_{293}\text{-Asn}_{309}\text{-Cys}$) conjugated through the added cysteine to bovine serum albumin with SMCC crosslinking agent. This boost was repeated five days (IP), four days (IP), three days (IP) and one day (IV) prior to fusion. The mouse spleen cells are then fused to myeloma (e.g., 653) cells at a ratio of 1:1 using PEG 1500 (Boeringer Mannheim), and the cell fusion is plated and screened for OP-1-specific antibodies using OP-1 (307-431) as antigen. The cell fusion and monoclonal screening then are according to standard procedures well described in standard texts widely available in the art.
- 15 The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The present embodiments are therefore to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are therefore intended to be embraced
- 20 25 therein.

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	Lys	His	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Lys	Ala
				130					135
	Cys	Gly	Cys	His					

15 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 139 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acids
 (C) TOPOLOGY: linear
- 20 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME: mOP-2 (mature form)
- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

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	10					15			
30	Pro	Asn	Lys	Leu	Pro	Gly	Ile	Phe	Asp
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					50				
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	55					60			
40	Ala	Tyr	Tyr	Cys	Glu	Gly	Glu	Cys	Ala
		65					70		
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		75					80		
	Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Leu	Gln	Ser	Leu
				85					90
45	Val	His	Leu	Met	Lys	Pro	Asp	Val	Val
					95				
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50	100					105			
	Leu	Ser	Ala	Thr	Ser	Val	Leu	Tyr	Tyr
	110						115		
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				120				125	

Lys	His	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Lys	Ala
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Cys	Gly	Cys	His					

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INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 96 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: CBMP-2A(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

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Cys	Lys	Arg	His	Pro	Leu	Tyr	Val	Asp	Phe	Ser
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Asp	Val	Gly	Trp	Asn	Asp	Trp	Ile	Val	Ala	Pro
			15					20		

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Pro	Gly	Tyr	His	Ala	Phe	Tyr	Cys	His	Gly	Glu
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Cys	Pro	Phe	Pro	Leu	Ala	Asp	His	Leu	Asn	Ser
	35					40				

Thr	Asn	His	Ala	Ile	Val	Gln	Thr	Leu	Val	Asn
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Ser	Val	Asn	Ser	Lys	Ile	Pro	Lys	Ala	Cys	Cys
				60				65		

Val	Pro	Thr	Glu	Leu	Ser	Ala	Ile	Ser	Met	Leu
		70					75			

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Tyr	Leu	Asp	Glu	Asn	Glu	Lys	Val	Val	Leu	Lys
		80			85					

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Asn	Tyr	Gln	Asp	Met	Val	Val	Glu	Gly	Cys	Gly
	90				95					

Cys	Arg
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100

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 101 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: CBMP-2B(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

Cys	Arg	Arg	His	Ser
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Leu	Tyr	Val	Asp	Phe	Ser	Asp	Val	Gly	Trp	Asn
			10				15			

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Asp	Trp	Ile	Val	Ala	Pro	Pro	Gly	Tyr	Gln	Ala
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Phe Tyr Cys His Gly Asp Cys Pro Phe Pro Leu
 30 35
 Ala Asp His Leu Asn Ser Thr Asn His Ala Ile
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 5 Val Gln Thr Leu Val Asn Ser Val Asn Ser Ser
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 Ile Pro Lys Ala Cys Cys Val Pro Thr Glu Leu
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 Ser Ala Ile Ser Met Leu Tyr Leu Asp Glu Tyr
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15 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:
 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acids
 (C) TOPOLOGY: linear
 20 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
 (ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME: DPP(fx)
 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:
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Cys Arg Arg His Ser Leu Tyr Val Asp Phe Ser
 1 5 10
 Asp Val Gly Trp Asp Asp Trp Ile Val Ala Pro
 15 20
 30 Leu Gly Tyr Asp Ala Tyr Tyr Cys His Gly Lys
 25 30
 Cys Pro Phe Pro Leu Ala Asp His Phe Asn Ser
 35 40
 Thr Asn His Ala Val Val Gln Thr Leu Val Asn
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 35 Asn Asn Asn Pro Gly Lys Val Pro Lys Ala Cys
 60 65
 Cys Val Pro Thr Gln Leu Asp Ser Val Ala Met
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 40 Leu Tyr Leu Asn Asp Gln Ser Thr Val Val Leu
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 Gly Cys Arg
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45 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:
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 (A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acids
 (C) TOPOLOGY: linear
 50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Vgl(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

5 Cys Lys Lys Arg His Leu Tyr Val Glu Phe Lys
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Gln Gly Tyr Met Ala Asn Tyr Cys Tyr Gly Glu
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Cys Pro Tyr Pro Leu Thr Glu Ile Leu Asn Gly
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Ser Asn His Ala Ile Leu Gln Thr Leu Val His
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15 Ser Ile Glu Pro Glu Asp Ile Pro Leu Pro Cys
60 65
Cys Val Pro Thr Lys Met Ser Pro Ile Ser Met
70 75
20 Leu Phe Tyr Asp Asn Asn Asp Asn Val Val Leu
80 85
Arg His Tyr Glu Asn Met Ala Val Asp Glu Cys
90 95
Gly Cys Arg
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acids

(C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME: Vgr-1(fx)

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

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Cys Lys Lys His Glu Leu Tyr Val Ser Phe Gln
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40 Xaa Gly Tyr Ala Ala Asn Tyr Cys Asp Gly Glu
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Cys Ser Phe Pro Leu Asn Ala His Met Asn Ala
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45 Val Met Asn Pro Glu Tyr Val Pro Lys Pro Cys
60 65
Cys Ala Pro Thr Lys Val Asn Ala Ile Ser Val
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Leu	Tyr	Phe	Asp	Asp	Asn	Ser	Asn	Val	Ile	Leu
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Lys	Lys	Tyr	Arg	Asn	Met	Val	Val	Arg	Ala	Cys
									90	95
Gly	Cys	His								
									100	

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 106 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: protein
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: human
 (F) TISSUE TYPE: BRAIN

20 (ix) FEATURE:
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION:
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25 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

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 1 5 10

30 Trp His Arg Trp Val Ile Ala Pro Arg Gly Phe Leu Ala Asn Tyr
 15 20 25

Cys Gln Gly Gln Cys Ala Leu Pro Val Ala Leu Ser Gly Ser Gly
 30 35 40

35 Gly Pro Pro Ala Leu Asn His Ala Val Leu Arg Ala Leu Met His
 45 50 55

40 Ala Ala Ala Pro Gly Ala Ala Asp Leu Pro Cys Cys Val Pro Ala
 60 65 70

Arg Leu Ser Pro Ile Ser Val Leu Phe Phe Asp Asn Ser Asp Asn
 75 80 85

45 Val Val Leu Arg Gln Tyr Glu Asp Met Val Val Asp Glu Cys Gly
 90 95 100

50 Cys Arg
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:15:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

 - (A) LENGTH: 5 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:15:

Cys Xaa Xaa Xaa Xaa
1 5

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:16:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 1822 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
 - vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 - (A) ORGANISM: HOMO SAPIENS
 - (F) TISSUE TYPE: HIPPOCAMPUS
 - ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 - (B) LOCATION: 49..1341
 - (D) OTHER INFORMATION:/stand

35 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:16:

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Met His Val
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40 CGC TCA CTG CGA GCT GCG GCG CCG CAC AGC TTC GTG GCG CTC TGG GCA
 Arg Ser Leu Arg Ala Ala Ala Pro His Ser Phe Val Ala Leu Trp Ala
 5 10 15

45 CCC CTG TTC CTG CTG CGC TCC GCC CTG GCC GAC TTC AGC CTG GAC AAC
Pro Leu Phe Leu Leu Arg Ser Ala Leu Ala Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp Asn
20 25 30 35

50 GAG GTG CAC TCG AGC TTC ATC CAC CGG CGC CTC CGC AGC CAG GAG CGG
 Glu Val His Ser Ser Phe Ile His Arg Arg Leu Arg Ser Gln Glu Arg
 40 45 50

	CGG GAG ATG CAG CGC GAG ATC CTC TCC ATT TTG GGC TTG CCC CAC CGC Arg Glu Met Gln Arg Glu Ile Leu Ser Ile Leu Gly Leu Pro His Arg 55 60 65	249
5	CCG CGC CCG CAC CTC CAG GGC AAG CAC AAC TCG GCA CCC ATG TTC ATG Pro Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro Met Phe Met 70 75 80	297
10	CTG GAC CTG TAC AAC GCC ATG GCG GTG GAG GAG GGC GGC GGG CCC GGC Leu Asp Leu Tyr Asn Ala Met Ala Val Glu Glu Gly Gly Pro Gly 85 90 95	345
15	GCG CAG GGC TTC TCC TAC CCC TAC AAG GCC GTC TTC AGT ACC CAG GGC Gly Gln Gly Phe Ser Tyr Pro Tyr Lys Ala Val Phe Ser Thr Gln Gly 100 105 110 115	393
	CCC CCT CTG GCC AGC CTG CAA GAT AGC CAT TTC CTC ACC GAC GCC GAC Pro Pro Leu Ala Ser Leu Gln Asp Ser His Phe Leu Thr Asp Ala Asp 120 125 130	441
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35	TAC ATC CGG GAA CGC TTC GAC AAT GAG ACG TTC CCG ATC AGC GTT TAT Tyr Ile Arg Glu Arg Phe Asp Asn Glu Thr Phe Arg Ile Ser Val Tyr 180 185 190 195	633
	CAG GTG CTC CAG GAG CAC TTG GGC AGG GAA TCG GAT CTC TTC CTG CTC Gln Val Leu Gln Glu His Leu Gly Arg Glu Ser Asp Leu Phe Leu Leu 200 205 210	681
40	GAC AGC CGT ACC CTC TGG GCC TCG GAG GAG GGC TGG CTG GTG TTT GAC Asp Ser Arg Thr Leu Trp Ala Ser Glu Glu Gly Trp Leu Val Phe Asp 215 220 225	729
45	ATC ACA GCC ACC AGC AAC CAC TGG GTG GTC AAT CCG CGG CAC AAC CTG Ile Thr Ala Thr Ser Asn His Trp Val Val Asn Pro Arg His Asn Leu 230 235 240	777
50	GGC CTG CAG CTC TCG GTG GAG ACG CTG GAT GGG CAG AGC ATC AAC CCC Gly Leu Gln Leu Ser Val Glu Thr Leu Asp Gly Gln Ser Ile Asn Pro 245 250 255	825

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5 TTC ATG GTG GCT TTC TTC AAG GCC ACG GAG GTC CAC TTC CGC AGC ATC Phe Met Val Ala Phe Phe Lys Ala Thr Glu Val His Phe Arg Ser Ile 280 285 290	921
10 CGG TCC ACG GGG AGC AAA CAG CGC AGC CAG AAC CGC TCC AAG ACG CCC Arg Ser Thr Gly Ser Lys Gln Arg Ser Gln Asn Arg Ser Lys Thr Pro 295 300 305	969
15 AAG AAC CAG GAA GCC CTG CGG ATG GCC AAC GTG GCA GAG AAC AGC AGC Lys Asn Gln Glu Ala Leu Arg Met Ala Asn Val Ala Glu Asn Ser Ser 310 315 320	1017
20 AGC GAC CAG AGG CAG GCC TGT AAG AAG CAC GAG CTG TAT GTC AGC TTC Ser Asp Gln Arg Gln Ala Cys Lys Lys His Glu Leu Tyr Val Ser Phe 325 330 335	1065
25 GCC TAC TAC TGT GAG GGG GAG TGT GCC TTC CCT CTG AAC TCC TAC ATG Ala Tyr Tyr Cys Glu Gly Glu Cys Ala Phe Pro Leu Asn Ser Tyr Met 360 365 370	1161
30 AAC GCC ACC AAC CAC GCC ATC GTG CAG ACG CTG GTC CAC TTC ATC AAC Asn Ala Thr Asn His Ala Ile Val Gln Thr Leu Val His Phe Ile Asn 375 380 385	1209
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:17:

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- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 431 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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- (ix) FEATURE:
 - (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /Product="OP1-PP"

- (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:17:

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Leu Asp Asn Glu Val His Ser Ser Phe Ile His Arg Arg Leu Arg Ser
 35 40 45

Gln Glu Arg Arg Glu Met Gln Arg Glu Ile Leu Ser Ile Leu Gly Leu
 50 55 60

35 Pro His Arg Pro Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro
 65 70 75 80

Met Phe Met Leu Asp Leu Tyr Asn Ala Met Ala Val Glu Glu Gly Gly
 85 90 95

40 Gly Pro Gly Gly Gln Gly Phe Ser Tyr Pro Tyr Lys Ala Val Phe Ser
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Thr Gln Gly Pro Pro Leu Ala Ser Leu Gln Asp Ser His Phe Leu Thr
 115 120 125

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 130 135 140

50 Glu Phe Phe His Pro Arg Tyr His His Arg Glu Phe Arg Phe Asp Leu
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	245 250 255
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	260 265 270
	Lys Gln Pro Phe Met Val Ala Phe Phe Lys Ala Thr Glu Val His Phe
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:18:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 1873 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
 (A) ORGANISM: MURIDAE
 (F) TISSUE TYPE: EMBRYO

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(ix) FEATURE:
 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
 (B) LOCATION: 104..1393
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "MOP1 (CDNA)"

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25					1	
TCG CTG CGC GCT GCG GCG	CCA CAC AGC	TTC GTG GCG	CTC TGG GCG	CCT		163
Ser Leu Arg Ala Ala	Pro His Ser	Phe Val Ala	Leu Trp Ala	Pro		
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CTG TTC TTG CTG CGC TCC GCC CTG GCC GAT TTC AGC CTG GAC AAC GAG						211
Leu Phe Leu Leu Arg Ser Ala Leu Ala Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp Asn Glu						
35	25	30	35			
GTG CAC TCC AGC TTC ATC CAC CGG CGC CTC CGC AGC CAG GAG CGG CGG						259
Val His Ser Ser Phe Ile His Arg Arg Leu Arg Ser Gln Glu Arg Arg						
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GAG ATG CAG CGG GAG ATC CTG TCC ATC TTA GGG TTG CCC CAT CGC CCG						307
Glu Met Gln Arg Glu Ile Leu Ser Ile Leu Gly Leu Pro His Arg Pro						
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CGC CCG CAC CTC CAG GGA AAG CAT AAT TCG GCG CCC ATG TTC ATG TTG						355
Arg Pro His Leu Gln Gly Lys His Asn Ser Ala Pro Met Phe Met Leu						
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50 85	90	95	100			

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5 CAG AGG CAG GCC TGC AAG AAA CAT GAG CTG TAC GTC AGC TTC CGA GAC Gln Arg Gln Ala Cys Lys Lys His Glu Leu Tyr Val Ser Phe Arg Asp 325 330 335 340	1123
10 CTT GGC TGG CAG GAC TGG ATC ATT GCA CCT GAA GGC TAT GCT GCC TAC Leu Gly Trp Gln Asp Trp Ile Ile Ala Pro Glu Gly Tyr Ala Ala Tyr 345 350 355	1171
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25 ACA GTA CCC AAG CCC TGC TGT GCG CCC ACC CAG CTC AAC GCC ATC TCT Thr Val Pro Lys Pro Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Gln Leu Asn Ala Ile Ser 390 395 400	1315
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:19:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 430 amino acids
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 (C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

10 (ix) FEATURE:
 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /product= "mOP1-PP"

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:19:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:20:

- 45 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 1723 base pairs
 - (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 - (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- 50 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Homo sapiens
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30 Lys Arg His Lys Asp Leu Gly Leu Arg Leu Tyr Val Glu Thr Glu Asp
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	(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
25	(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
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	(A) ORGANISM: MURIDAE
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	(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
	(B) LOCATION: 93..1289
35	(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "mOP2 cDNA"
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10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:23:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 - (A) LENGTH: 399 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acid
 - (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

- 20 (ix) FEATURE:
 - (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /product= "mOP2-PP"

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 35 40 45

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 50 55 60

Ser Tyr Glu Ile Leu Glu Phe Leu Gly Ile Ala Glu Arg Pro Thr His
 65 70 75 80

15 Leu Ser Ser His Gln Leu Ser Leu Arg Lys Ser Ala Pro Lys Phe Leu
 85 90 95

Leu Asp Val Tyr His Arg Ile Thr Ala Glu Glu Gly Leu Ser Asp Gln
 20 100 105 110

Asp Glu Asp Asp Asp Tyr Glu Arg Gly His Arg Ser Arg Arg Ser Ala
 115 120 125

25 Asp Leu Glu Glu Asp Glu Gly Glu Gln Gln Lys Asn Phe Ile Thr Asp
 130 135 140

Leu Asp Lys Arg Ala Ile Asp Glu Ser Asp Ile Ile Met Thr Phe Leu
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30 Asn Lys Arg His His Asn Val Asp Glu Leu Arg His Glu His Gly Arg
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Arg Leu Trp Phe Asp Val Ser Asn Val Pro Asn Asp Asn Tyr Leu Val
 35 180 185 190

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40 Thr Ala Asn Arg Glu Phe Thr Ile Thr Val Tyr Ala Ile Gly Thr Gly
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- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear
- 45 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
- (iii) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
- (A) ORGANISM: Homo Sapiens
- 50 (ix) FEATURE:
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- (B) LOCATION: 1..102
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note="BMP3"

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(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

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- 10 (A) NAME/KEY: Protein
(B) LOCATION: 1..104
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25 35 40 45

Thr Ile Gln Ser Ile Val Ala Arg Ala Val Gly Val Val Pro Gly Ile
50 55 60

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 40 (A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- 45 (A) ORGANISM: HOMO SAPIENS

- 5 (ix) FEATURE:
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(B) LOCATION: 1..102
(D) OTHER INFORMATION: /note= "BMP5"

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35 40 45

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50 55 60

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(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

- 35 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
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(B) LOCATION: 1..102
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 20 25 30

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 35 40 45

Ile Val Gln Thr Leu Val His Leu Met Asn Pro Glu Tyr Val Pro Lys
 50 55 60

10 Pro Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Lys Leu Asn Ala Ile Ser Val Leu Tyr Phe
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 85 90 95

15 Arg Ala Cys Gly Cys His
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:29:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 102 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: Protein
- (B) LOCATION: 1..102
- (D) OTHER INFORMATION: /label= OPX
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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:29:

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 20 25 30

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 50 55 60

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Xaa Cys Cys Ala Pro Thr Xaa Leu Xaa Ala Xaa Ser Val Leu Tyr Xaa	80	
65	70	75
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5	85	90
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100		

10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:30:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
- (A) LENGTH: 97 amino acids
 - (B) TYPE: amino acids
 - 15 (C) TOPOLOGY: linear
 - (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
 - (ix) FEATURE:
 - (A) NAME: Generic Sequence 5
 - 20 (D) OTHER INFORMATION: wherein each Xaa is independently selected from a group of one or more specified amino acids as defined in the specification.

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	1	5
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	15	20
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 (ix) FEATURE:

10 (A) NAME: Generic Sequence 6
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(iii) ORIGINAL SOURCE:
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 (F) TISSUE TYPE: BRAIN

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 (x) PUBLICATION INFORMATION:
 (A) AUTHORS: Lee, Se-Jin
 (B) TITLE: Expression of Growth/Differentiation Factor 1
 15 (C) JOURNAL: Proc. Nat'l Acad. Sci.
 (D) VOLUME: 88
 (E) RELEVANT RESIDUES: 1-1238
 (F) PAGES: 4250-4254
 (G) DATE: May-1991
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	(D) TOPOLOGY: linear	
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35	(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO	
	(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO	
	(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:	
40	(A) ORGANISM: human	
	(F) TISSUE TYPE: BRAIN	
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20 360 365 370

Cys Arg
372

What is claimed is:

1. A method for alleviating the tissue destructive effects associated with the inflammatory response to tissue injury in a mammal, the method comprising the step of:

providing to the injured tissue a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen sufficient to substantially inhibit or reduce the tissue damage resulting from said inflammatory response.

2. The method of claim 1 where said step of providing a therapeutically effective morphogen concentration to said injured tissue comprises the step of administering a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen to said mammal.
3. The method of claim 1 where said step of providing a therapeutically effective morphogen concentration to said injured tissue comprises the step of administering to said mammal an agent that stimulates in vivo a therapeutically effective concentration of an endogenous morphogen.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of providing a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen is conducted prior to reduction or interruption of blood flow to the tissue.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of providing a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen is conducted after reduction or interruption of blood flow to the tissue and before reperfusion.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a morphogen is conducted following ischemia-reperfusion injury.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a morphogen is conducted following hyperoxia injury.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein said morphogen is provided to said tissue prior to said tissue injury.
9. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of providing a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen is conducted prior to ischemia-reperfusion injury.
10. The method of claim 1 wherein said tissue damage results from an abnormal immune response in said mammal.
11. The method of claim 1 wherein said tissue damage is associated with an inflammatory disease.
12. The method of claim 11 wherein said inflammatory disease is an autoimmune disease.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein said inflammatory disease comprises arthritis, psoriasis, dermatitis or diabetes.
14. The method of claim 13 wherein said arthritis is rheumatoid, degenerative or psoriatic arthritis.
15. The method of claim 11 wherein said inflammatory disease comprises an airway inflammation in a mammal.
16. The method of claim 15 wherein said airway inflammation comprises chronic bronchitis, emphysema, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis or asthma.
17. The method of claim 11 wherein inflammatory disease comprises a generalized acute inflammatory response.
18. The method of claim 17 wherein said inflammatory disease comprises adult respiratory distress syndrome.
19. The method of claim 1 wherein said tissue damage is to a transplanted organ or tissue.
20. A method for reducing tissue damage associated with ischemia-reperfusion injury in a human, the method comprising the step of:
providing to the injured tissue a therapeutic concentration of a morphogen sufficient to alleviate the damage associated with said injury.

21. A method for reducing the tissue damage associated with hyperoxia injury in a human, the method comprising the step of:
providing to the injured tissue a therapeutic concentration of a morphogen sufficient to alleviate the damage associated with said injury.
22. The method of claim 20 or 21 wherein said step of providing a therapeutically effective morphogen concentration to said injured tissue comprises the step of administering a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen to said mammal.
23. The method of claim 20 or 21 wherein said step of providing a therapeutically effective morphogen concentration to said injured tissue comprises the step of administering to said mammal an agent that stimulates in vivo a therapeutically effective concentration of an endogenous morphogen.
24. The method of claim 1, 20 or 21 wherein said tissue is lung tissue, cardiac tissue, hepatic tissue or renal tissue.
25. The method of claim 6, 9 or 20 wherein said ischemic-reperfusion injury results from cardiac arrest, preliminary occlusion, arterial occlusion, coronary occlusion or occlusive stroke.

26. The method of claim 1, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing at least 70% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, Vg1(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx) and 60A(fx).
27. The method of claim 26 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing a last 80% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, BMP3(fx), BMP5(fx), BMP6(fx), Vg1(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx) and 60A(fx).
28. The method of claim 1, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 60% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
29. The method of claim 28 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 65% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
30. The method of claim 29 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1), including allelic and species variants thereof.
31. The method of claim 1, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 (Seq. ID Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 30 or 31).

32. The method of claim 1, 20 or 21 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by OPX (Seq. ID No. 29).
33. A method for reducing the ischemic-reperfusion injury associated with the interruption of blood flow to an organ in a clinical procedure, the method comprising the step of providing a therapeutic concentration of a morphogen to said organ prior to the interruption of blood flow.
34. A method for reducing the tissue injury associated with the reduction or interruption of blood flow to an organ or tissue in a clinical procedure, the method comprising the step of providing a therapeutic concentration of a morphogen to said organ or tissue after the reduction or interruption of blood flow to said organ or tissue.
35. The method of claim 33 or 34 wherein said clinical procedure is a carotid endarterectomy, a coronary artery bypass, a tissue grafting procedure, an organ transplant, or a fibrinolytic therapy.
36. The method of claim 1, 33 or 34 wherein said morphogen is administered parenterally.
37. The method of claim 1, 33 or 34 wherein said morphogen is administered prophylactically.

38. A pharmaceutical composition for use in alleviating the injury associated with tissue exposure to toxic oxygen concentrations comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a morphogen in admixture with a free oxygen radical inhibiting agent or an anticoagulent.
39. A pharmaceutical composition for topical administration comprising a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen in admixture with a dermatologically acceptable carrier.
40. A pharmaceutical composition for topical administration to a tissue comprising a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen dispersed in a biocompatible, non-irritating tissue surface adhesive.
41. The composition of claim 40 wherein said adhesive comprises hydroxypropylcellulose.
42. The composition of claim 38, 39 or 40 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing at least 70% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, Vg1(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx) and 60A(fx).
43. The composition of claim 42 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence sharing a last 80% homology with one of the sequences selected from the group consisting of: OP-1, OP-2, CBMP2, BMP3(fx), BMP5(fx), BMP6(fx), Vg1(fx), Vgr(fx), DPP(fx), GDF-1(fx) and 60A(fx).

44. The composition of claim 38, 39 or 40 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 60% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
45. The composition of claim 44 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 65% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
46. The method of claim 45 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1), including allelic and species variants thereof.
47. The composition of claim 38, 39 or 40 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 (Seq. ID Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 30 or 31).
48. The composition of claim 38, 39 or 40 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by OPX (Seq. ID No. 29).
49. A method of enhancing the viability of an organ or tissue to be transplanted in a mammal, the method comprising the step of:
providing a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen to said tissue or organ to be transplanted.

50. The method of claim 49 wherein said therapeutically effective concentration is sufficient to substantially inhibit reperfusion injury to said tissue or organ.
51. The method of claim 49 wherein said morphogen is provided to said tissue or organ prior to reperfusion injury.
52. The method of claim 49 wherein said morphogen is provided to said tissue or organ prior to removal of said tissue or organ from the donor.
53. The method of claim 49 wherein said organ is placed in an organ preservation solution containing said morphogen or a morphogen-stimulating agent after removal of said organ from the donor and prior to transplantation in the recipient.
54. The method of claim 49 wherein said organ is selected from the group consisting of lung, heart, kidney, liver or pancreas.
55. The method of claim 49 wherein said living tissue comprises skin, bone marrow or gastrointestinal mucosa tissue.

56. A method for protecting a living tissue or transplant organ from the tissue destructive effects associated with the inflammatory response in a mammal, the method comprising the step of:

providing to said tissue or organ a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen.

57. A method of protecting a living tissue or transplanted organ from ischemia-reperfusion injury in a mammal, the method comprising the step of:

providing to said tissue or organ a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen, said concentration being sufficient to substantially inhibit or reduce the tissue damage associated with ischemia-reperfusion injury.

58. The method of claim 49, 56 or 57 wherein said step of providing a therapeutically effective morphogen concentration to said injured tissue comprises the step of administering a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen to said mammal.

59. The method of claim 49, 56 or 57 wherein said step of providing a therapeutically effective morphogen concentration to said injured tissue comprises the step of administering to said mammal an agent that stimulates in vivo a therapeutically effective concentration of an endogenous morphogen.

60. A composition useful as a living cell or living tissue preservation solution comprising:
- a fluid formulation having as osmotic pressure substantially equivalent to the osmotic pressure of living mammalian cells in admixture with
- a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent, said concentration being sufficient to protect living cell or tissue from the tissue destructive effects associated with the inflammatory response in a mammal when exposed to said cells or tissue.
61. The preservation solution of claim 60 wherein said therapeutically effective concentration is sufficient to substantially inhibit or reduce the tissue damage associated with ischemia-reperfusion injury.
62. The preservation solution of claim 60 wherein said formulation further comprises a sugar.
63. The preservation solution of claim 60 wherein said formulation further comprises an anticoagulant or a free oxygen radical inhibiting agent.
64. The invention of claim 49, 56, 57 or 60 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 60% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).

65. A composition useful in a treatment method to alleviate tissue damage associated with the inflammatory response in a mammal, the composition comprising a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen or morphogen-stimulating agent.
66. The composition of claim 65 wherein said tissue damage is associated with ischemia-reperfusion injury or hyperoxia injury.
67. The composition of claim 65 wherein said tissue damage is to lung, cardiac, renal or hepatic tissue.
68. The composition of claim 65 wherein said tissue damage is to a transplanted organ or tissue.

AMENDED CLAIMS

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44. The composition of claim 38, 39 or 40 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 60% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
45. The composition of claim 44 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence having greater than 65% amino acid identity with the sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1).
46. The composition of claim 45 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOP1), including allelic and species variants thereof.
47. The composition of claim 38, 39 or 40 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by Generic Sequences 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 (Seq. ID Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 30 or 31).
48. The composition of claim 38, 39 or 40 wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by OPX (Seq. ID No. 29).
49. A method of enhancing the viability of an organ or tissue to be transplanted in a mammal, the method comprising the step of:

providing a therapeutically effective concentration of a morphogen to said tissue or organ to be transplanted.

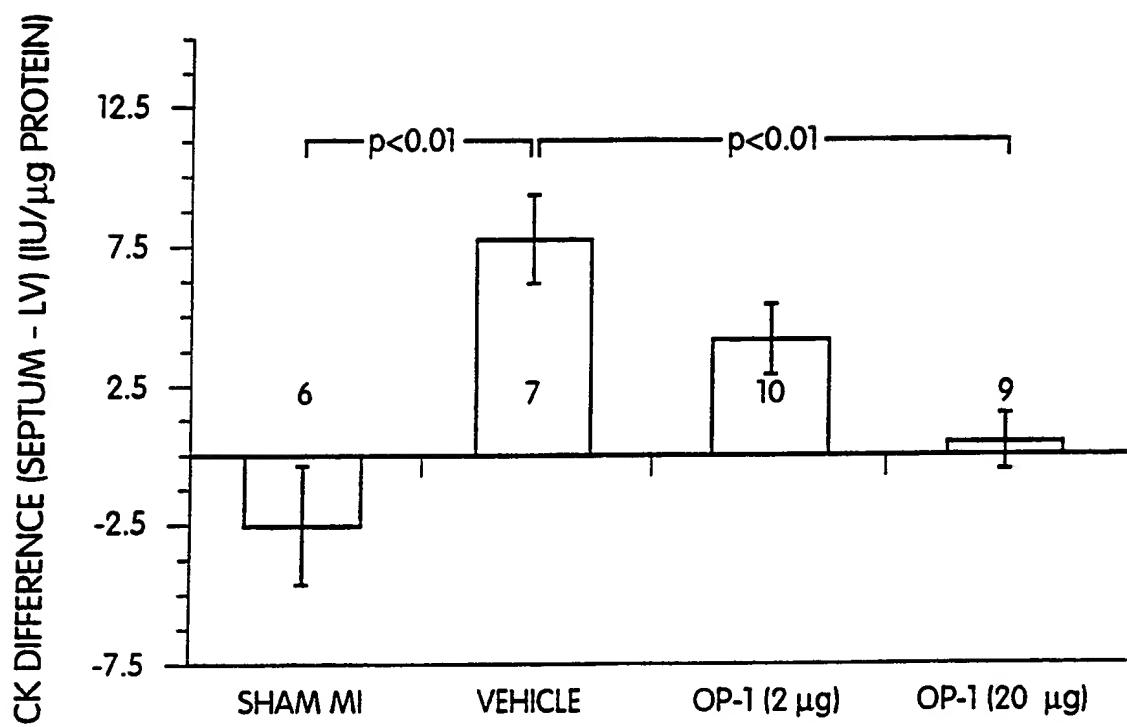


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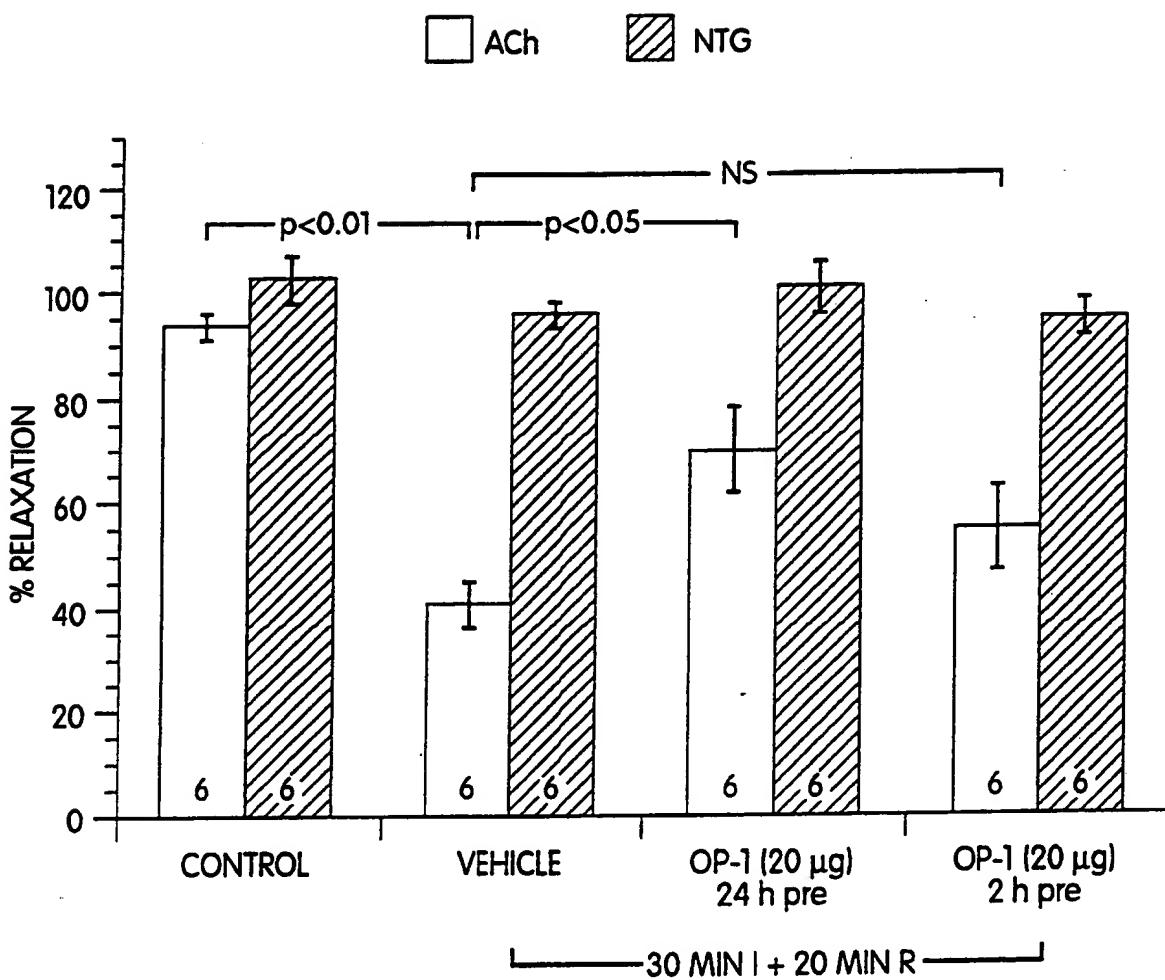


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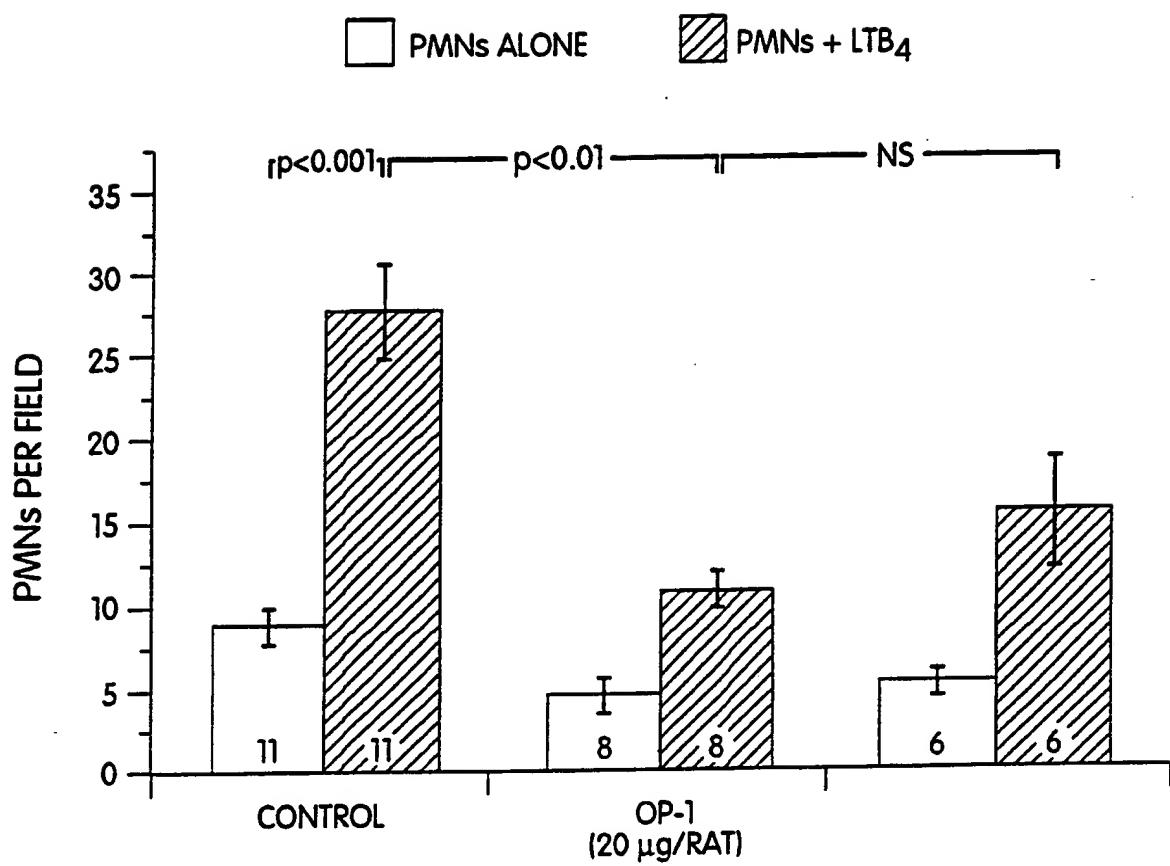


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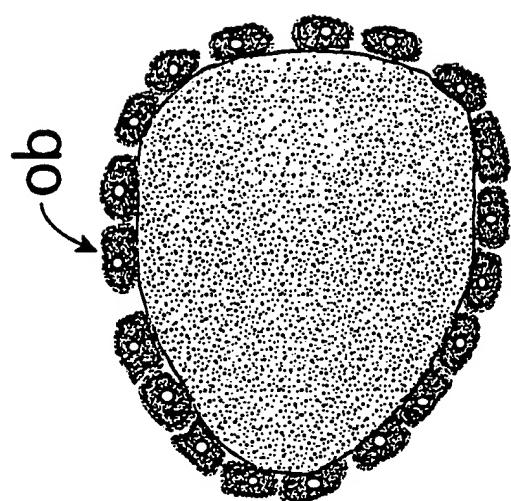


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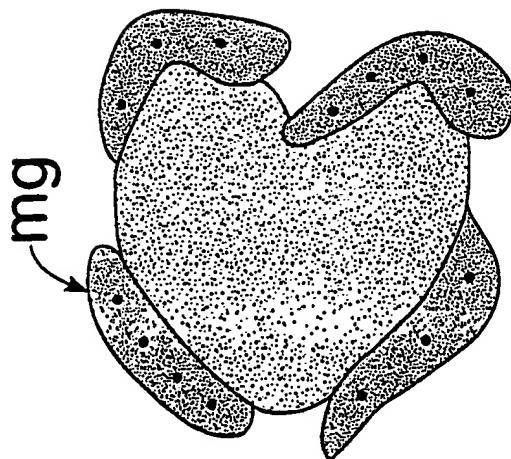


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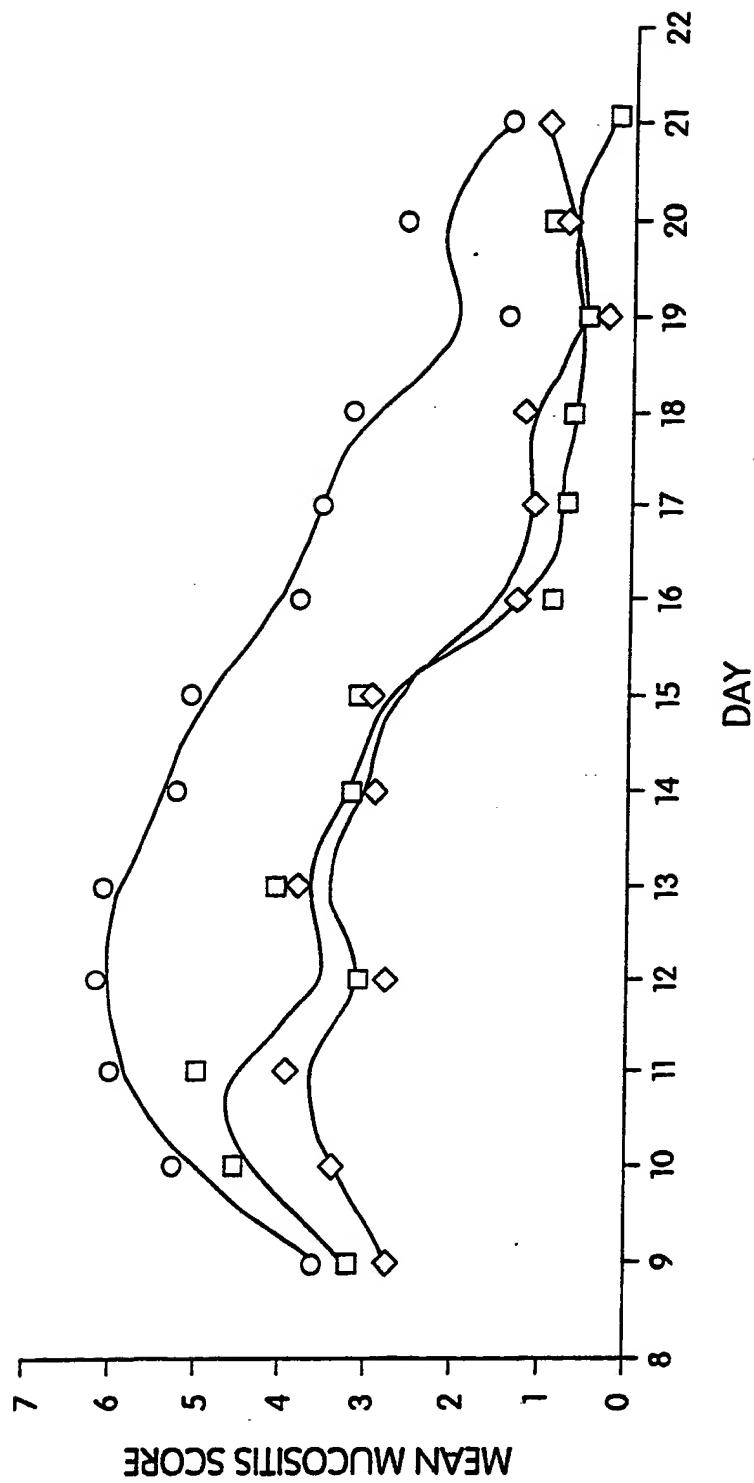


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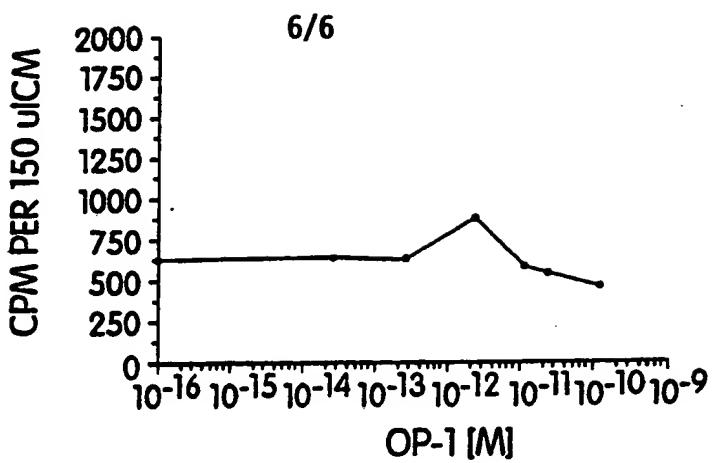


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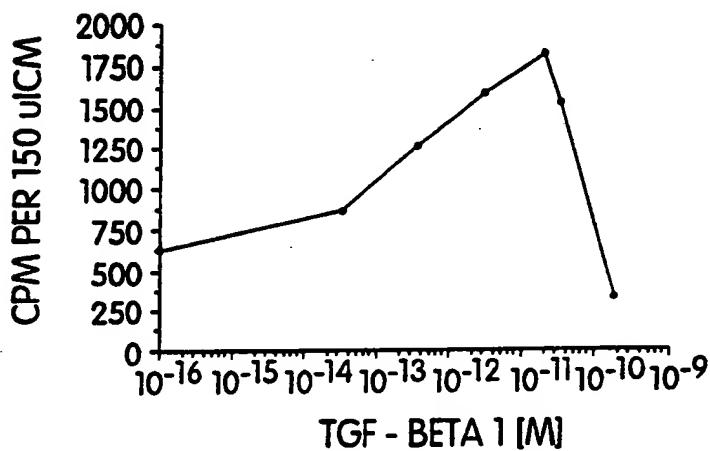


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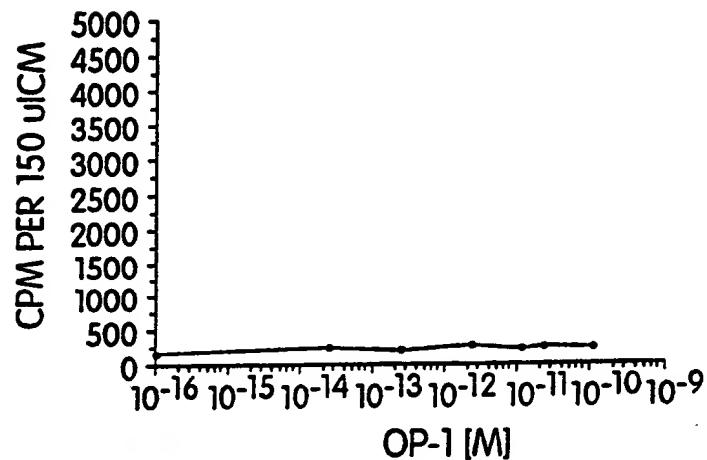
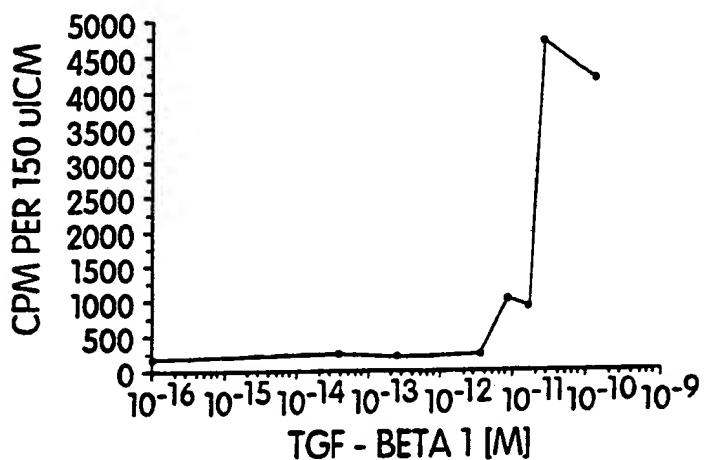


Fig. 6D



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(ART. 6 PCT)

REASON:

1. Claim 46 has been understood as being dependant of claim 45. Therefore claim 46 should read: "The composition of claim 45, wherein said morphogen comprises an amino acid sequence defined by residues 43-139 of Seq. ID No. 5 (hOPI), including allelic and species variants thereof.
2. In view of the extremely large number of compounds used in the methods and compositions of claims 26-29, 31 (in as far as seq. ID 1 to 4 and 30-31), 42-45, 47 (in as far as seq. ID 1 to 4 and 30-31), 64, the search division considers that it is not economically reasonable to draw up a search report for the methods using, or the compositions comprising all the compounds defined in the claims. The search has therefore been limited, on the basis of the examples and claims, to the methods using, or the compositions comprising the seq. ID no. 5 to 29, 32 and 33 (Art. 17 (2) (a)(ii) and (b) PCT).
3. The term "morphogen" is not concise.

Therefor, and for the same reaons as given in paragraph 2 above, it has been understood as being one of the proteins defines in seq. ID 5 to 29, 32 or 33.

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